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HITLER REPORTED ON RUSSIAN FRONT: REPEATED ATTEMPTS BY GERMANS TO CAPTURE CERNAUTI CLAIMED UNSUCCESSFUL

HERR HITLER IS WITH HIS TROOPS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT AND YESTERDAY'S GERMAN COMMUNIQUE DATED FROM "THE FUHRER'S HEADQUARTERS," STATED: "IN THE EAST, OPERATIONS OF THE ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE PROGRESSING SO FAVOURABLY THAT GREAT SUCCESSES ARE EXPECTED."

"ISOLATED SOVIET AIRCRAFT BOMBED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AT MEMEL AND KONIGSBERG. THERE WERE FATAL CASUALTIES IN PARTICULAR AMONG PRISONERS OF WAR. SEVERAL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED."

Commenting on the situation on the Rumanian-Russian front, the Bucharest correspondent of the NEUE ZERCHER ZEITUNG says that a large part of the former German Army in the Balkans is understood to be pushing northwards from Moldavia beyond Cernauti in Bukovina, says Reuter.

Black Sea Port Of Constanza Ablaze

MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter)—THE RUMANIAN BLACK SEA PORT OF CONSTANZA IS ABLAZE FROM A SOVIET AIR BOMBARDMENT, states the Red Army communique which also reports a heavy bombing of the Danube port of Sulina.

Soviet bombers similarly three raided Danzig, East Prussian capital, Konigsberg, Warsaw and Lublin.

SOVIET-GERMAN MILITARY STRENGTH

CHUNGKING, June 25 (Reuter)—The Central Daily News estimates the respective military strength of the Soviet and German forces as follows:—

Germany, 250 divisions, or between 2,500,000 or 3,750,000 troops and 15,000 aircraft; Soviet, mobilisable forces 12,500,000 men, 7,000 aircraft, including 2,000 planes stationed in the Far East.

No Important Decision

MADRID, June 25 (Reuter)—A communique issued after the two-day meeting of the Spanish Cabinet contained no important decision as the result of the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia.

The Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, is stated to have informed the meeting of the Nazi announcement of the German war against Russia.

D.F.C. AWARD

The D.F.C. has been awarded to Acting Squadron-Leader C. A. Pritchard, who was born in New South Wales.

CRIPPS MEMBER OF P.C.

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, has been made a member of the Privy Council.

Today's News Summary

FIERCE BATTLES ON A 1,500-MILE FRONT between Russians and Germans are reported. Hitler is stated to be with his troops on the Soviet front. Repeated German attempts to capture Cernauti have been repelled according to a Red Army communique. The Rumanian Black Sea port of Constanza is ablaze after a Soviet aerial bombardment.

THE R.A.F. RELENTLESS OFFENSIVE AGAINST the German industrial war centre is continuing and on Tuesday night the 14th successive raid was carried out. It is reported that the bombs dropped during the past fortnight were heavier than for the whole of April.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TO THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR is still unknown and the general opinion in Chinese Press and public circles in Chungking is that Japan is at the cross roads and cannot make a decision. An emergency conference was called in Tokyo yesterday.

NAZI AGENTS, NUMBERING ABOUT 300 TO 400 YOUTHS, wearing Falangist uniforms, demonstrated in front of the British Embassy in Madrid on Tuesday hurling bricks and smashing almost all the windows of the building. The British Ambassador to Spain had protested to the Spanish Government.

RUSSIAN ASSETS IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter)—The Treasury has lifted the restrictions from Russian money in the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, signed the order at the request of the State Department and, after consulting the Department of Justice.

SIR R. CAMPBELL FOR WASHINGTON

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, former Minister in Belgrade, has been appointed Minister in Washington in succession to Sir Gerald Campbell, who was recently made Director-General of Information in the United States.

Sir Noel Hughes Havelock Charles is appointed Ambassador in Rio de Janeiro in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.

Sir Noel is made a K.C.M.G. on his appointment.

FIERCE BATTLES

There are fierce battles between German and Russian tanks and infantry along the 1,500-mile Russo-German front, while Soviet and German bombers are setting afire Baltic and Black Sea ports used by the German and Soviet fleets.

The German High Command maintained reserve on the progress.

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BRITAIN DEVELOPING MOST GIGANTIC AIR OFFENSIVE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IS DEVELOPING THE MOST GIGANTIC AIR OFFENSIVE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN AND, carrying out Mr. Churchill's pledge given on Sunday night, British bombers continued their sustained offensive against the German war machine on Tuesday for the 14th night in succession.

Heavy attacks were made at COLOGNE, DUSSELDORF and the naval base at KIEL and also at CALAIS and BOULOGNE. Flashes from exploding bombs made flares 20 miles long on the French coastlines.

THE AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF BOMBS USED DURING THE PAST FORTNIGHT WAS MORE THAN FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL.

Two of our aircraft are missing from the operations on Tuesday night.

Enemy air activity over Britain the same night was again on a small scale, according to an Air Ministry communique, states Reuter.

Bombs were dropped on the Merseyside and there were a small number of casualties including some persons killed. Four enemy bombers were shot down.

50 MILES INLAND

In the daylight sweep on Tuesday, British planes flew 50 miles inland over occupied France.

In 11 daylight raids in nine days, the Germans lost 121 planes which does not include the destruction of five isolated enemy bombers round the coasts of Britain.

The R.A.F. lost 28 machines with the pilots of five safe.

The British squadrons reported that many of the German planes, dived away and were reluctant to engage in fighting but it was also pointed out that the Messerschmitts were of the 109E type which are inferior to the Spitfires.

Yesterday morning, large formations of British bombers, escorted by fighters, headed towards the French coast in what is believed to be the most intensive daylight sweep over Northern France.

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HOW DOES THE NEW SITUATION AFFECT JAPAN-SOVIET PACT?

Sir Frederick Whyte Seeks To Explain What Was In Hitler's Mind When He Decided On His Fresh Campaign Against Russia

"HERR HITLER HAS GIVEN THE WAR A NEW TWIST. His pact attack on the Soviet Union has come as a complete surprise to Japan. HOW DOES THE NEW SITUATION AFFECT THE AGREEMENT JAPAN HAS REACHED?" said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., former Political Adviser to the Chinese National Government, in the course of a broadcast from London yesterday when he sought to explain what was in Herr Hitler's mind when he decided on this fresh campaign.

"IF HERR HITLER CAN TEAR UP AGREEMENTS SO EASILY, WHERE DOES THIS PLACE JAPAN?" continued Sir Frederick.

"Japan thought that her place was defined when she joined the Tripartite Pact, according to which Japan, Germany and Italy were to go to war together IF ONE OF THE THREE PARTIES WAS ATTACKED BY A POWER NOT AT PRESENT INVOLVED IN THE WAR.

"But the Pact also said that the arrangements made under it did not in any way affect the political status that exists at present between the contracting parties and the Soviet Union.

"Japan, under her own treaty with Russia, agreed that if either Russia or Japan becomes the object of military action by a third Party they would preserve neutrality towards each other throughout the entire period of such a conflict.

TOOK NO ACCOUNT

"How is Japan to find her way through this tangle of agreements which Herr Hitler has turned into a mess?" continued Sir Frederick.

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Japan's Own Treaty Value Involved

TOKYO, June 25 (Reuter)—While a Government statement on the Soviet-German war is still awaited pending the High Command conference this afternoon, the KOKUMIN SHIMBUN asserts, it is obvious that the impossibility of exporting to the Axis via Siberia "devalues the motor power" of the Tripartite Alliance as well as the Soviet Neutrality Pact.

"At least, some of those commitments cannot be fulfilled which involves the question of Japan's own treaty value," said the Kokumin.

The NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN, warning that "the situation does not allow the loss of even a single day's delay," says that Japan should take advantage of this "one chance of years" to work toward the establishment of the new order in East Asia by preparing herself to take direct action where necessary.

"For those who have the strength and courage, world changes always offer heaven-sent opportunities, but those who profit by opportunities are limited to those who are fully prepared."

CREATE ECONOMIC BLOC

TOKYO, June 25 (Reuter)—The outbreak of the Soviet-German hostilities should impress Japan with the fact that it must find its place in East Asia and concentrate on building up a programme of self-sufficiency in the Orient, leading papers declared editorially this morning.

The dailies especially stressed the economic repercussions of the new war on Japan and emphasised that Japan must create an economic bloc of its own at its doorstep.

The ASAHI pointed out the Soviet-German war cut off one of Japan's important war-time trade routes. "This fact, as well as the fact that current trade with the United States cannot turn for the better should impress Japan with the need for creating a self-sufficient economic policy in East Asia as early as possible," adds the paper.

JAPAN UNABLE TO MAKE DECISION

CHUNGKING, June 25 (Reuter)—Japan is at the cross roads and unable to make a decision as to whether to support Germany's attacks on Soviet Russia or launch a move in the Southern Pacific—this appears to be the prevailing opinion of the Chinese Press and public here.

The official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS says Japan is postponing announcement of her attitude in connexion with the Soviet-German war to await further development which may determine her course of action. The paper asserts that Mr. Sumner Welles' statement condemning the German invasion of Russia should also be a warning to Japan.

WELCOMING MANIFESTO

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—A welcoming manifesto is issued by the National Council of Labour in connexion with the declarations by the British, American and Soviet Governments that they would cordially co-operate in doing all in their power to defeat Germany.

The manifesto expresses warmest greetings to the Russian people and assures them of support in their effort to beat the common enemy.

Disconcerting Position To Matsuoka, Colleagues

"A FEW DAYS AGO I REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULT POSITION IN WHICH JAPAN NOW FINDS HERSELF. She faces the situation in which Great Britain, the United States and Russia are practically lined up together—a position which must be most disconcerting to Mr. Matsuoka and his colleagues," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B. B. C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"This is not the first occasion in which Mr. Matsuoka has had to face an uneasy position. In 1939, for instance, to Japan's surprise Germany lined up with Stalin—throwing out the Anti-Comintern Pact. And then Mr. Matsuoka was induced to sign a pact of friendship and neutrality with Russia.

"By the Tripartite Pact, Japan is now obliged to go to the help of her Axis ally in her present war with Russia. On the other hand, her pact with Russia makes it necessary for her to preserve neutrality in the war in which Russia is now involved.

"I am afraid that it will take all Mr. Matsuoka's ingenuity to find a way out of his predicament."

Canton Insurance Office Annual Meeting

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR MOST SATISFACTORY

AN IMPROVEMENT in the 1939 account of \$137,785 on that of 1938, and of \$740,464 in the working account of 1940 on that of 1939, was reported by the Chairman of the Consulting Committee, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the Sixtieth Annual Meeting of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., held in the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday.

Supporting the Chairman were Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, P. H. Suckling and S. T. Williamson (members of the Consulting Committee), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Mr. S. Hampton Ross, Mr. D. V. Stevenson, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. Horace Lo, Mr. Ho Sal-chung, Mr. J. Fleming, Mr. P. Tester and Mr. D. Hung.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen, before proceeding with the formal business, I would first explain that the delay of one month in holding this meeting is due to the late arrival of returns, without which it would have been impossible to complete the accounts in anything like their customary form.

Further, I would here wish to express the regret of the General Agents and Consulting Committee at the resignation of Mr. J. H. Taggart on his retirement from the Colony owing to ill health. Mr. Taggart served on the Committee from November 1931 until February this year and during that time his valued support and advice were always at our disposal. I am sure you will be glad to know that his health has greatly improved since he arrived in California. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

SATISFACTORY ACCOUNTS

The Statement of Accounts for the year 1939 which we now present to you is, I am pleased to say, a most satisfactory one, the balance of \$1,385,855 (I am omitting all cents) being an improvement of \$137,785 on that for 1938 and this in spite of further reductions in premium and interest of \$299,415 and \$81,062 respectively. The ratio of losses fell from 54.27 per cent to 44.80 per cent, while that for charges rose from 30.20 per cent to 32.50 per cent.

The balance at credit of working account 1940, as at Dec 31 last, stood at \$2,629,370, an increase of \$740,464 on that for 1939 at the same stage. Although this appears to be highly satisfactory much has yet to be paid out in respect of second year losses and taxation; it is impossible in these times to make forecasts and any attempt on my part would be purely guesswork. This account discloses a yet further shrinkage in interest of \$67,958 when compared with 1939, also at the end of twelve months.

INCREASE IN ASSETS

Scrutiny of the Balance Sheet will reveal the fact that the total of assets has risen by \$1,343,113, or £83,245 as expressed in sterling. This is mainly due to increased cash and agency balances against which must be set our now reduced holdings of mortgages, loans and debentures. On the debit side the main differences will be found in respect to the investment and exchange fluctuation and underwriting suspense accounts, together with material increases in the figures of accounts payable and the balance from the two working accounts.

As customary, all investments and mortgage loans have been brought into the accounts at—or under—the market prices or face values ruling on Dec 31 last.

INTEREST INCOME DOWN

I trust you will have taken due cognisance of the serious decrease in income from interest. Were it not that the account for 1939 looks so healthy, as does the carry forward for 1940, your Committee would have been dubious about recommending a dividend on the same lines as last year. The days when we could readily obtain a return of 5 per cent, to 6 per cent, on our funds are now gone and who can say if they will ever return.

The surplus to be dealt with from the 1939 account is \$1,305,055, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of 40 per share. We now recommend a final payment of 37 per share—making in all \$12 per share—which will absorb \$400,000 and the transfer of the balance of \$765,055 to underwriting suspense account to close 1939 and previous years. This payment necessitates \$10,036 being

C.G. SILVA TO GIVE UP BOWLS

C. G. Silva, Recreio and Inter-port lawn bowler, has decided to give up bowls for the rest of the season, acting on his doctor's advice.

He has scratched from the Open Singles and Pairs (with J. E. Noronha) competitions, but there is a possibility of his having a trial in the Open Rinks to see if he "can stand the strain."

G. H. Sheriff, K.B.G.C. skip, has withdrawn from the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship, which he entered with A. Hyde-Lay, and his place has been taken by J. N. Wong, of Kowloon Tong.

A S. Sufliad, who has been playing regularly in Indian Recreation Club's Third Division League bowls team since the beginning of the season, will not be able to take part in the game for a couple of weeks owing to a recurrence of foot trouble.

LAWN BOWLS SELECTIONS

The following are some Club selections for Saturday's programme in the Lawn Bowls League.

FIRST DIVISION

RECREIO "A" J. Lay (skip), Marques, J. E. Noronha, H. A. Alves (skip), P. X. Xavier, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro, P. X. Silva (skip), P. X. Soares, C. Rosa Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Lay (skip).

RECREIO "B" D. C. Alves, C. J. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip), F. A. Machado, J. C. Romão, E. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip), C. V. Vas, A. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Catterer (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

RECREIO "E" Chinha, H. R. Pinna, A. A. Rosa, P. Yvanovich (skip), F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, F. N. Monteiro, M. Carvalho (skip), G. A. Pinna, L. A. Rozario, M. Mendonça, M. P. Pinna (skip).

BOWLS PAIRS RESULTS

Only three matches in the First Round of the Open Lawn Bowls Pairs championship were played and following are the results:

At Kowloon B.G.C.: H. Spong and E. Levett beat E. A. Aitkens and J. G. Meyer 20-12.

At Kowloon Docks: B. White and A. J. Hall lost to C. M. Silva and P. X. Soares 12-19.

At Kowloon F.C.: H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro beat J. N. Wong and A. Hyde-Lay 20-12.

TENNIS TITLE FOR WEBB

Sergeant J. W. Webb, Army cricketer and R.A.M.C. footballer, has won the Medicals' Handicap Singles tennis tournament, beating Pte. Gunson (15) in the final by 1-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

MISUNDERSTANDING

Due to some misunderstanding, the Army Tennis Club failed to turn up for their Second Division Tennis League game against Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway on Tuesday. The Chinese team were present.

Combined Royal Artillery are applying for admission to First Division of the Football League and will enter seven teams in Third Division.

KIM SHING CUP



The above is a photograph of the organisers and competitors in the "KIM SHING CUP" roller skating competition which was concluded on Tuesday. The picture was taken at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, and stated, second from right in the middle row is Mr. K. C. Cheng, manager of the rink. On his left is Mr. Wong Lai-long, who refereed all matches played in this League.—(Mayfair Studio).

WM. POWELL MTC.: Difficult Trade Conditions Reported By The Chairman

The annual meeting of William Powell, Limited, was held yesterday at the registered office of the company, Windsor House, Mr. E. W. Raymond being in the Chair.

The Chairman, in his address, commented on the fact that the accounts placed before the meeting showed a satisfactory result of the year's trading, and the balance from the General Working Account for the year showed an increase over last year of approximately \$5,000.

Trading conditions during the year had been difficult and the question of stock replacements, the Chairman said, had given the Directors some cause for concern. By far the greater part of the stock had to be imported from England and orders had to be placed with the company's agents and suppliers there many months in advance.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Raymond said:—

Your Directors are pleased to place before you accounts showing such a satisfactory result of the year's trading. The balance from General Working Account for the year shows an increase over last year of approximately \$5,000. Against this however a new item of expenditure appears in the Profit and Loss Account in respect of War (Taxation) for the Taxation years 1940/41 and 1941/42.

Tax for the year 1940/41 amounting to \$2,387.10 which was based on the Company's Profits for last year has been paid. In addition to this charge your Directors have considered it prudent to make full provision for Tax for the Taxation year 1941/42 which will be based on the Profits of the Company for the year to Feb 28, 1941.

This has been estimated at \$4,300. The net Profit for the year carried to the Balance Sheet after making this provision shows a decrease of approximately \$600 on last year.

TRADING CONDITIONS

Trading conditions during the past year have been difficult and as I indicated in my speech from the Chair last year the question of stock replacements has given your Directors some cause for concern. By far the greater part of our stock is imported from England and orders have to be placed with our agents and suppliers there many months in advance.

The difficulties of obtaining shipping space from England to Hongkong in these troublous times are well known and your Company has not been any more fortunate in this respect than other concerns in the Colony. It is with considerable satisfaction therefore that your Directors can lay before you accounts showing such a good result of last year's trading.

I may say that in spite of the difficulties being experienced the turnover to date compares very favourably with last year. In view however of the uncertainty of the future your Directors consider that

WATER-POLO SCORES

Playing in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation water-polo tournament last night, Combined Small Units defeated the Royal Navy "D" by 4 goals to one. Macdonald (2), Knightley and Thorley scored for the winners, while Hall replied for the Navy.

In the Army pool, Royal Scots "C" shared four goals with 985 R. A. L/C Hunter and Davidson netted for the Royals, and Langridge and Pidgeon equalised for the gunners.

CHESS RESULT

In a match in the Colony Junior Chess championship tournament, played on Tuesday night at the Peninsula Hotel, V. V. Kolatchoff beat E. M. Petrove.

Although it is understood that Royal Navy will be competing only in First Division of the Football League, they may also enter a team in Third Division.

With the object of selecting their representatives for the charity swimming gala on Saturday, July 26, against Combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A., Combined Chinese Clubs are holding a gala on Sunday, July 6, at 7 p.m. at the Chinese Bathing Club, North Point.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

TENNIS. — Fourth Division: P.O. R.C. (2) v. A.T.C., C.C.C. v. P.O. R.C. (1), S.C.A.A. v. J.R.C. C.R. C. v. C.B.A. K.I.T.C. v. I.R.C.

WATER-POLO. — European Y. M. C. A. v. 36th Battery, R. A. (Army pool), 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool), 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool), 8.15 p.m.; Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool), 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool), 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 985th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool), 8.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
BASEBALL. — H.B. Baseball Club v. S.C.A.A., 2.15 p.m.; R.E. v. Chung Hwa, 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division: Recreio "A" v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Craigengower v. Civil Service, Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C., Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B", Recreio "B" v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A". Second Division: Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Kowloon Tong v. Craigengower, Prison O.C. v. Kowloon F.C., H.K.F.C. v. Talkoo R.C. Third Division: Kowloon B.G.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Kowloon F.C. v. Police R.C., Indian R.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Hongkong Electric v. Recreio.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
BASEBALL. — H.B. Baseball Club v. Royal Engineers, 4.30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT JOBS ARE TOO TEMPTING!

Coincidental with the reported shortage of labour in Penang harbour, the Malaya Tribune learns that there is also a shortage of harbour "hands" in Singapore at the present, although this shortage has not yet reached an acute stage.

The shortage is felt particularly in the case of Chinese labourers, although at the same time there is also insufficient Tamil labour.

The shortage, inquiries reveal, is however, considered only temporary, it being due mainly to the recent rush made by labourers for war-time Government jobs—jobs like barricade construction, evacuation huts building, and handling of war goods delivered from the United States and Australia at the wharves.

The better wages paid by the Government for labourers in these war-time jobs, it is pointed out, act as a lure, to these labourers, who thus leave their old jobs for the new.

Nevertheless, it is stated that it is still possible although not without difficulty, for labour contractors to carry on the ordinary harbour work without much interruption and delay.

The war-time jobs are only temporary, one informed quarter predicted, and it will not be very long before the labourers now employed by the Government, on completing their work, will have to return to their old jobs.

LAND TAX

After heated debates at two sessions of the Third National Finance Conference, a resolution to collect land tax in kind beginning from the latter half of the current year was unanimously passed at the 5th plenary session yesterday morning.

The resolution which revives an ancient Chinese system is a war-time measure to regulate the supply of army and civilian food—(Central News).

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EIGHT VICHY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED IN SYRIA

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuters)—The destruction of eight Vichy aircraft on the ground, and damage to a very large number of others during raids on Syria are announced in a Royal Air Force communique issued this evening.

A number of hits on flying boats at Syracuse and the discovery of 15 burnt-out Italian aircraft at Jimma, Abyssinia, are other highlights.

"Syria Aircraft: The RAF Rayak destroying eight Vichy air and Australian Air Force were on the ground. A very large number of others were damaged during raids on Syria are announced in a Royal Air Force communique issued this evening.

FINLAND AND POLAND

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)

Finland no longer recognises the existence of Poland as an independent State and yesterday afternoon handed a note to that effect to the Polish Minister in Helsinki.

The reason given is that since Poland is occupied and administered partly by Germany and partly by Russia the "activity of the Legation rests without any practical foundation."

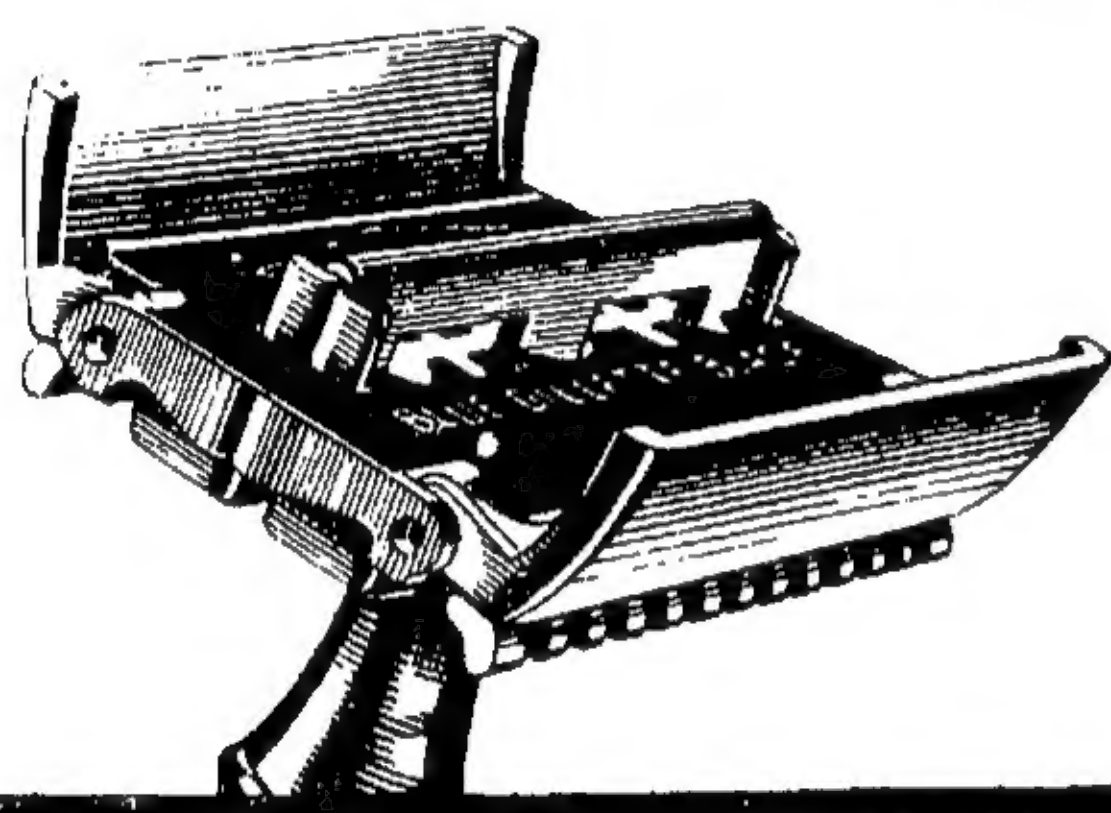
The Polish Minister has sent a Foreign note of protest to the Finnish Office.

VICHY DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)

An Admiralty communique says that a Vichy destroyer is almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft.

British submarines also successfully attacked an Italian liner of 20,000 tons and sank a supply ship.

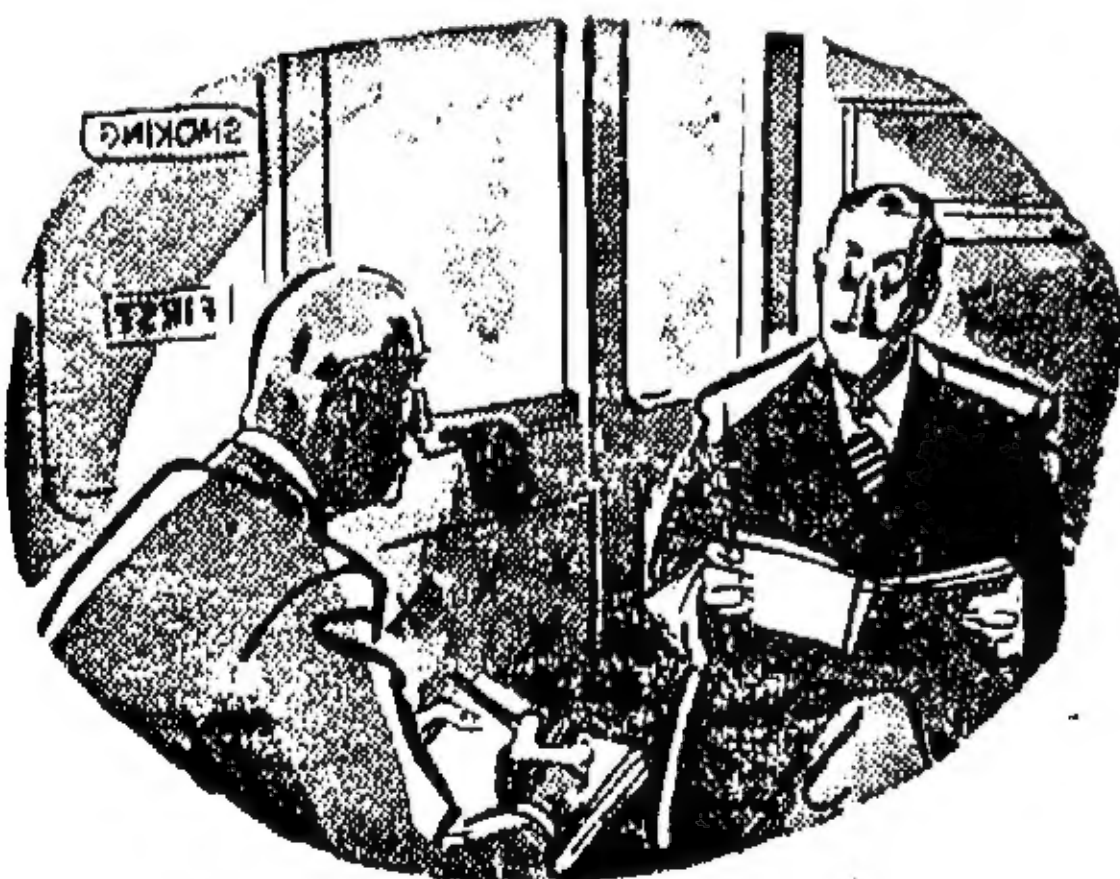


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FIRST CLASS TIP

"Magnum, Sir, whether you have recently visited Spitzbergen or Baffin Island?"

"Of course I haven't."

"Then no doubt you are interested in some commercial form of refrigeration—chilled beef, for instance?"

"Nothing to do with it."

"In that case, Sir, you will have no objection to closing that window. It is exceedingly cold, and the draught is ferocious."

"I beg your pardon, Sir. I'm terribly sorry. Fact is, I've a most appalling headache, and the cool air does it good. I attended a most enjoyable party last night, and I'm feeling much the worse for it."

"My dear fellow, why didn't you say so at first? Trouble is, it's so long

since I've had a hangover myself, I've almost forgotten the symptoms. Was there no Rose's Lime Juice in your corner of the Shires?"

"Afraid I don't follow you."

"Rose's Lime Juice, I said. Cancels hangovers in advance. You either mix it with gin, or swallow a stiff glass solo before bed. Why, man, it's smoothed the paths of thousands."

"You're telling me that Rose's fills this long-felt want?"

"I've never known it fail."

"Then, Sir, I am deeply indebted to you. Here is my card. I trust that we shall see more of each other. Much more. Are you by any chance free to dine tonight? Wonderful how these chances encounter change the course of one's whole life."

BIG BATTLE BETWEEN SOVIET NAVAL UNITS AND LUFTWAFFE REPORTED IN BLACK SEA

Spectre Of Nazi Victory Is Removed

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)

Hitler's "mistake" in invading Russia has removed the spectre of a Nazi victory and has decided the issue of the war, declared Dr. Eduard Benes, President of the Czechoslovak Republic, broadcast to the Czechoslovak nation tonight.

Dr. Benes compared the Germans' action to the howling and raving of a wild beast in a powerless rage.

For the past six months, he said, the Germans knew that they could not defeat Britain and debated among themselves what they ought to do. These disputes led to the flight of Rudolf Hess, who, because of previous contact with British circles, believed that he could persuade the British to stop the war which could only lead to a German defeat.

German leaders were particularly anxious to end the war and intended to attack Russia after Britain had been defeated.

NORWAY A NAZI HEALTH RESORT!

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)

There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking large-scale evacuation of German civilians and Administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other North German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

N.Z. CALL-UP

WELLINGTON, June 25 (Reuters)

A further territorial call-up involves 23-year-olds and those who have become 19 or 41 since the last territorial gazette.

A similar call-up will be made again in about a month bringing in 18-19 and 41-year-old men.

The age limit for overseas service is 21 to 40.

House Of Commons & Lords Debate Support For Soviet Russia In Her Great Task

LONDON, JUNE 25 (REUTERS)—MR. H. G. LEES-SMITH, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, WHO FOLLOWED MR. ANTHONY EDEN in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

"Before Mr. Eden spoke, I was apprehensive lest this country might allow political pre-occupation to interfere with full strategic co-operation and I was relieved by the statement that the differences of political system did not allow us to obscure the realism of the situation," he went on.

"The realities of the situation are that Hitler is now fighting a war on two fronts.

"Perhaps the most important statement the Foreign Secretary made was that a military and economic mission is about to proceed to Russia.

"Germany can never conquer Russia if Russia has the same spirit of resistance today that she had against Napoleon.

"Hitler, after next winter, will be faced with this situation: he will have to hold down in Europe a great number of nations determined to fight for their freedom as soon as the opportunity comes. I don't believe that he can at the same time hold down 100,000,000.

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LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth yesterday afternoon received the Empress of Ethiopia and her daughter at Buckingham Palace.

ANKARA, JUNE 25 (REUTERS)—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA), according to rumours from Varna. Soviet cruisers, destroyers and submarines are said to be fighting German aircraft but there is no confirmation.

The Germans are known to have mined the Bulgarian and Rumanian coast but they are believed to have left a narrow channel at the mouth of the Bosphorus unmined.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutiu, due south of Kishinev.

Russians here, however, assert that the Rumanians are not participating in the fighting, being held in reserve.

RUMANIAN CLAIM

Rumanians claim that they have crossed the River Pruth at Galatz, Jassy and Lippani. They say that the most northerly column is headed in the direction of Klev and other two towards Odessa, which is about 150 miles from the present frontier.

Germans here boast that the campaign will be over in six weeks when, they say, they will have occupied White Russia, Ukraine and the Caucasus.

They say that they need Russian prisoners as labourers for the Reich since French prisoners of war are useless because they are "tired and unruly."

ATTACKS REPULSED

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuters)—"The enemy's attacks are being successfully repulsed," Moscow Radio announced yesterday according to the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"We congratulate the heroic Red Army on its first military success," the Soviet announcer added.

SOVIET RAID

VICHY, June 25 (Reuters)—Soviet planes have carried out two raids on the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constanza, states a Rome dispatch.

The important Danube town of Galatz has also been bombed.

One Soviet plane came down on Rumanian territory, the dispatch adds.

GERMAN INITIATIVE

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters)—The official German news agency reports that the Germans had

the striking power, equipment and experience of the German forces have been "well tested" in battle, and "the next few days will show what defence the Soviet troops can put up" against the German might.

RUSSIAN BREACH

The news agency's review began by referring to "a breach in the Russian frontier positions" achieved by the German shock troops, supported by engineers, artillery and armoured divisions despite "stubborn resistance."

Speaking of the High Command's "great reserve" regarding the progress of land operations, the news agency dismissed the Soviet High Command reports of counter-attacks on "isolated parts of the front" as following "the notorious example of the Poles" and promises that in the next few days will show "who is right."

Despite great distances to be covered the Luftwaffe scored successes on all fronts and had "destroyed a great number of enemy aircraft, inflicted substantial injury to ground troops and destroyed transports of all kinds and communications in the zone of operations."

NAVAL ATTACKS

The German Navy made daring attacks in the Baltic and the Black Seas in support of German flanks.

The news agency reports a "unusual case" about a Nazi J-boat sinking a Soviet submarine.

Besides mining the Baltic Sea, the German Navy is mining the seas to Soviet naval bases which had led "to enemy losses."

MOSCOW A.R.P. TEST

MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuters)—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. but it was later officially announced that in spite of heavy and light anti-aircraft barrage and the sound of shell bursts, this was just "realism" and that the whole affair was a test of A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelters while wardens and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.

At this period of the year, the Moscow sky is dark for only a very short time and the sky was already clear when "raiders" flew over and the sky was dotted with red and black bursts as the ground defences went into action. Observers noted the effect of the test.



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MISLEADING PRESS STATEMENT REFERRED TO BY PROSECUTION IN PETROLEUM EXPORT TRIAL

Six junk masters and foks, Kwok Tai, Chau Shing-cheung, Lam Chi-kai, Lam Chan-wai, Lam Po-chuen and Chu Chiu-fai, were remanded until Monday, June 30, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when they were charged with attempting to export 9,500 tins of petrol without permits from the Controller of Trade. They were additionally charged with carrying petrol on board their junks which had not been duly licensed for such a purpose and with anchoring at a place—Po Tai O—not designated for dangerous goods.

Mr. Peter H. Sin represented all accused.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P., is in charge of prosecution and prior to the commencement of the case he drew his Worship's attention to the statement alleged to have been made by him and quoted by the South China Morning Post of yesterday's issue and the final edition of the Hongkong Telegraph of June 24 in the order for confiscation of the petrol in question in connexion with this case, as misleading.

Mr. Thompson said that the reason why he asked for the confiscation of the goods was that a very flagrant offence had been committed against Section 12 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

He pointed out that the junks were found anchored in close proximity and the fact that they all had cooking chafins on board constituted a very grave fire danger. There is no doubt that if a fire had broken out a serious conflagration would have resulted.

His Worship, in replying, said, "I agree with you Mr. Thompson I have also read a report of it, and it was very misleading."

ANOTHER CASE

Fung So, 36, junk steersman and Wong Hei-hop, 45, cargo broker, also appeared before Mr. Anderson charged with attempting to export 2,000 tins of petrol on board junk No. T4788H without a permit from the Controller of Trade on April 25.

Accused were additionally charged with stealing from junk No. T4788H 2,000 tins of petrol valued at \$19,200 the petrol being the property of Hung Man-chiu, of No. 8, Wing Shing Street, ground floor. Further the accused were alleged to have conspired between Apr. 2 and Apr. 25 to steal the petrol.

Mr. Hing-shing Lo represented the complainant, while Mr. C. d'Almada appeared for Fung and Wong. Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin was present for the Police.

TWO RECEIPTS

After submission by Mr. d'Almada that there was no evidence that the petrol was put on board, although there were 2 receipts, one acknowledging receipt of \$19,200 for the cargo and the other stating that the cargo was received by a man and not by the defendants. There was no evidence of conspiracy to steal or larceny itself. There were negotiations for a junk to carry the cargo, but the actual arrangements to obtain the permits were made by a third person, which was not connected in this case and there was no evidence at all that the defendants knew each other and in that case they could not have possibly conspired.

Second accused was discharged while the first accused was found guilty of the first charge and was fined \$500 or serve one month's hard labour.

The summons against the complainant in the case, Hung Man-chiu, for attempting to export the petrol, was adjourned sine die.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

STOLE FROM SHOWCASE

Tang Tse-hung, 24, and Cheung Hong, 30, both unemployed, were sentenced by Mr. H.G. Sheldon yesterday to three months' hard labour each for stealing two rolls of cloth from a showcase at No. 11, Queen's Road West on June 24.

Insp. F.D.B. Tuckett said that defendants were arrested on information at Eastern Street in possession of the cloth.

Both defendants admitted three previous convictions each.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Three persons, Ngan Shum-pui, 40, shop assistant, Tam Sul, 57, broker, and Kwan Kei-kei, 32, unemployed, were charged before Mr. G.T. Lowry yesterday with having, together with another not in custody, conspired together on June 23 to cheat and defraud one Lau Shing, 36, of the Malacca Singapore Company, of \$1,000.

Mr. Alfred S.K. Lau appeared for first defendant.

The case for remanded until Saturday, bail being allowed at \$500 each.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers is in charge of the case.

UNCLEAN PREMISES

Paul Lee, of the St. Francis Hotel Restaurant, was fined \$50 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for failing to keep his premises and utensils in a clean condition at all times in compliance with the Public Health Ordinance.

Mr. H. C. Lee pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

Health Inspector E. J. Whitcomb said that the Chinese food restaurant of the Hotel had been visited on seven occasions between Apr. 10 and May 15, and it was found to be unclean.

On all the visits, defendant was present and his attention drawn to the objectionable points.

On Apr. 28, a letter was sent to defendant warning him that if the place remained dirty, the licence would have to be cancelled. A reply acknowledging receipt of that letter was received.

Mr. Lee said that although the management was legally responsible, the caterer was to blame, as the kitchen was leased out to him, and unfortunately the lease agreement stipulated that the management should have no control over the employees at all.

\$2,000 FINE IMPOSED

Wellin Hwen Tsang-wai, of Messrs. William Hunt and Company, Gloucester Building, was fined \$2,000 by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday for a breach of the Defence Regulations by unlawfully possessing a private code contained in 16 sheets of paper.

No detail of the charge were related in open Court.

Defendant was represented by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons.

When the case was called up, Mr. Armstrong asked for an intermission in Chambers with the Magistrate. This was granted and Court was adjourned for a few minutes.

At the resumed sitting, Mr. Armstrong pleaded guilty and the fine was imposed.

Sgt. F. Russell, of the Special Branch, was in charge of the case.

BOUND OVER

Li Kau, 32, shop foks, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of having assaulted Ip Chan, 24, shop foks, of No. 13, Second Street.

Prosecuting, Sgt. H. Goldie said that on June 23 at about 6.30 p.m. a Chinese police sergeant saw a gang of about 15 men chasing complainant from the junction of Eastern and Second Streets towards Second Street, where defendant struck complainant on the head with a piece of wood.

Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China.

At the first annual general meeting on June 25, 1940, a scholarship of the annual value of \$400 for a student qualified to enter the School of Chinese Students in the Hongkong University was created, the proposal having been made by Prof. Forster, the Hon. Treasurer. Acting upon this decision, the Standing Committee drew up in September the regulations for the scholarship. So far no one has applied for the scholarship. At present only one scholarship is planned; but the Committee hope more can be established in course of time.

The financial position of the Association is sound. The surplus for the year was \$50.60. The cash at hand and in the bank was \$55.45.

Pleading guilty, defendant was bound over in the sum of \$10 for six months.

SNATCHER IMPRISONED

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing a fountain pen from the person of one Cha Tim at Connaught Road Central on June 24, Lam Kam-chi, 17, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that complainant was walking along the road when he had his fountain pen, which was clipped to the front of his shirt, snatched away by defendant. During the subsequent chase, defendant passed the pen to somebody and it was not recovered.

It was stated that defendant had three previous convictions for larceny from the person.

SHOP MASTER CHARGED

Further evidence was taken by Mr. Lowry yesterday in the case in which Chan Ng-tsai, alias Chan Fook-cho, master of the Fook Ming shop, No. 159, Des Voeux Road Central, is charged with fraudulent conversion of \$2,800 on Mar. 20.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ conducted the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes, while defendant was represented by Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

It was stated that the sum involved was part of \$4,300 entrusted to defendant by Chu Tung, banker, of No. 298, Queen's Road Central, second floor, for the purpose of purchasing a specific pair of jade bangles.

In cross-examination yesterday, defendant denying that there was truth in the allegations of complainant that some money was given to him for buying bangles, said that he had only on little over \$800 from complainant at poker.

Hearing was adjourned to next Friday at noon.

AT KOWLOON

HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for July 9 and 11 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday in the case in which Mok Wah, 26, Pau Shiu-chuen, 32, and Li Kwan, 23, were charged with demanding \$30 with menaces on July 17 and 18 from Siu Shui with intent to steal same.

The accused were also charged with extortion of \$20 from the same complainant on the same dates.

First accused was additionally charged with demanding \$1 with menaces from Hui Luk with intent to steal same on Mar. 28. He was also charged with extortion of \$1 from the same complainant on the same date.

Mr. J. d'Almada Remedios is appearing for second and third defendants while Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of prosecution. Bail of \$500 each was allowed.

JUDGMENT DELIVERED

Judgment was given by Mr. Anderson yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy in the case in which Lo Yau, Lai Hop, Wong Keung, Chan Lung, woman, Cpl. Leonard Munsey, of the R. A. O. C., Lo Po and Tsim Tok are charged with conspiracy to steal 215 blankets from the R. A. O. C. Depot, and was alternatively charged, together with the woman, with receiving stolen property.

In passing judgment, his Worship remarked that the evidence against fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh accused was entirely based upon that given by the first three defendants and prosecution had no evidence against them, and he, therefore, fined the first three accused \$250 or three months' hard labour, and the other defendants were discharged.

Mr. C. d'Almada appeared for Mur-y and the woman, Mr. Hing-shing Lo for the second accused and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the first accused.

Det. Sub-Ins. C. Dowman prosecuted.

EMBEZZLED \$278.83

Lau Tsui, 30, foks, of No. 233 Nathan Road, ground floor, appeared before Mr. Anderson yesterday and was sentenced to serve three months' hard labour for embezzlement between Mar. 4 and May 20, at the Sai Wah Petrol Company, of \$278.83 from Che Tsui, manager.

He was additionally charged with forging a receipt for nine gallons of gasoline in the name of Dr. J. S. Pyne.

It was stated that accused was employed by the complainant at a

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Unlawful Transfer Of An Export Licence Alleged

Attempted export of unmanifested cargo and unlawful transfer of an export licence were the subjects of two summonses against the TAI SANG STEAMSHIP COMPANY, of No. 136, Connaught Rd. Central, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The summonses alleged that

(1) the Tai Sang Steamship Company failed to furnish to the Superintendent of the Import and Export Office, a copy of the complete ship's manifest of all cargo put on board or to be put on board the s.s. Kau Tung not less than 12 hours before sailing, by the omission from the manifest of 50 bales of gunny bags allegedly consigned by the Kwong Fung Hong Firm, contrary to an order of the Defence Regulations.

(2) on or about March 29, the Tai Sang Steamship Company lent to or allowed to be used by Choi Wai, master of the Fook Hing Firm, an export licence originally issued by the Controller of Trade to the Kwong Hong Hing firm, of No. 58A, Bonham Strand West, for the purpose of enabling Choi Wai to export 50 bales of gunny bags to Macao.

Choi Wai was separately summoned for moving on board the s.s. Kau Tung 50 bales of gunny bags for the purpose of exporting, without a licence from the Controller of Trade.

Senior Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern conducted the prosecution.

Mr. P. Y. Woo represented the steamship company and Mr. F. H. Luseby appeared for Choi.

SAW GUNNY BAGS

Revenue Officer Fook Mo-chan, in evidence, said that on March 29 at about 2.15 p.m., he was on duty on a wharf when he noticed that gunny bags were being loaded onto the s.s. Kau Tung. He went aboard the ship and was given the export permit by a man at his request.

Witness said that he examined the licence and found that it had been used before. He then asked the Captain of the ship to delay sailing, while he got in touch with the Chief Preventive Officer W. J. Buller.

Witness later accompanied Mr. Buller to the Fook Hing Firm, of which Choi Wai was the master, and after examining the ship's book, found no record referring to the export of the 50 bales of gunny bags.

Further hearing was fixed for next Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.

SINO-BRITISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual general meeting of the Sino British Cultural Association (Hongkong branch) for 1941-42 will be held tomorrow in the Fung Ping Sham Library of the University of Hongkong, at 5.30 p.m.

The annual report for 1940-41 states, in part:—

Though still in its infancy, it may be safely said that this Association has not existed in vain. A comparison with the previous session will reveal the fact that its second year of existence has been highly successful. The keynote of the policy adopted lies in maintaining an equilibrium between social and intellectual activities.

The membership of the Branch Association is 135, 69 British and 66 Chinese. There are altogether 22 lady members. The Association records with sorrow the loss by death of Mr. R. E. Lindzell, Pulse Judge of the Supreme Court, Hongkong. In July, Dr. Lin Yutang accepted the invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Association.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held on Sept. 27, 1940, a programme for the year was drawn up. This provided for a series of lectures, several art exhibitions, a garden party, an Annual Dinner and a luncheon meeting. The programme, with certain modifications, was effectively carried out.

Lectures were delivered in the course of the year by Miss Agnes Smedley, Prof. Tochen Yin-koh, of Tsing-hua University, Mr. T. K. Chuan, Editor of the Tien Hsia Monthly, and Prof. Gordon King.

It should perhaps be recorded here that, during Miss Smedley's lectures, the audience were so moved when she spoke of the plight of the Chinese wounded in the present Sino-Japanese war, that a voluntary contribution for the wounded was collected on the spot, the amount totalling \$45.07. This money was sent to the Foreign

salary of \$23 per month, and his duty was to forward bills and collect receipts.

Det.-Sgt. Willison prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

SMOKE NUISANCE

Fines of \$10 were imposed by Cmdr. J. Jolly yesterday on Lo Kam-sul, coxswain, and Cheng Yee, engineer, of the Hongkong-Yaumat ferryboat "Man Ping," charged with having permitted the launch to issue smoke in such quantities as to be a nuisance while lying alongside the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road Central.

UNLAWFUL BOARDING

Fines totalling \$32 were imposed on Leung Sze-mul, 22, and two others charged with having boarded a vessel in harbour without the permission of the master or officer in charge.

BOAT MISTRESS FINED

Li Mul, 20, mistress of a Class IV boat No. 2552Y, was fined \$4 for having used a grappling iron for the purpose of dredging in the Naval Anchorage, Victoria Harbour, without permission.

UNAUTHORISED MOORING

Fines of \$10 were imposed on Wong Yung, 30, and Tsui Sze, 66, charged with having moored their boats within 100 yards of the Kowloon Naval Camber without lawful authority.

UNLIGHTED CRAFT

Li Muk, 32, charged with having failed to carry two white bright lights on his craft while underway at 11.45 p.m., was fined \$10.

UNLAWFUL ANCHORING

Chan Yau, 31, and Leung So, 23, charged with having at 1.55 a.m. anchored their boats at a distance of less than 100 yards from the low water mark near the Canton Steamboat Company's Wharf, were fined \$10 each.

D. O. SOUTH

WILD TREE WOOD

With a previous conviction for the same offence, Lee Kwai was yesterday sentenced to six weeks' hard labour when he pleaded guilty before Mr. T. J. Houston to the charge of possession of 30 catties wild tree wood at Shing Mun Valley, Tsan Wan, on Tuesday.

For the possession of 50 catties of wild tree wood, at the same place on the same day, Yip Leung was sentenced to one month's hard labour, suspended for 12 months conditional to good behaviour.

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A print of the proposed special resolution may be inspected at any time during business hours at the registered offices of the Company, Canal Road East, Bowrington, Hongkong, or at the offices of the solicitors for the Company, Messrs. Dencons, Prince's Building, (first floor), Hongkong.

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Los Angeles. — Somewhere in England—if they survived the bombings of London—is a family, members of which would receive a substantial part of an estate worth \$30,000 if they could be found.

But so far all efforts to locate them have failed, and information at hand indicated that their home may have been bombed and all or a number of them killed, according to Attorney George Appell of Los Angeles.

The estate is that left by Sallie Cohen, old-times stage actress, who died in Los Angeles last March 20th at the age of 80, and the English beneficiaries are her son, whom she had not seen since he was a baby one year old, and his family, including his three sons and a daughter and also two of his grandchildren.

Miss Cohen—she used her maiden name, although she had been married twice—executed her will last July 2nd, and included the following bequests:

To her son, Fillie Levy, \$10,000 in cash plus and interest in a \$5,000 trust; to his children, George Morris, Joshua and Dollie, \$500 each, and to the two grandchildren, whose names she said she did not know—\$1,000 each.

LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL

The Legislative Council will hold a meeting today at 2.30 p.m. when the Attorney General will move the First reading of "A Bill to amend the Crown Rents (Apportionment) Ordinance, 1938."

The Financial Secretary will move the Second and Third readings of "A Bill to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinances of 1940."

The Honourable Mr. Stanley Hudson Dodwell will move the Second and Third readings of "A Bill to incorporate Trustees capable of holding property and empowered to administer two trust funds known as The Charter (Cathedral) Endowment Fund and The Charter (St. Andrew's Church) Endowment Fund for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church in this Colony."

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RUSSIA'S CHANCES

THE MAJORITY of observers prophesy a speedy victory for the Nazis over the Russians and they base their judgment on a survey of past and recent events. They argue that with only sixty German and Austrian divisions against them, the Russians collapsed in 1917 and had to agree to the treaty of Brest-Litovsk. How can they survive the onslaught of 122 divisions ranged against them at this moment, consisting, as a large proportion of this army does, of well equipped and mechanized troops? In addition to this, the German Army comes from the fields of Flanders and of France flushed with victory. Then it is linked with the dispossessed state of Rumania, and Finland, both of which seek to recover what was ruthlessly snatched from them. Then it is thought that the Finnish campaign was an excellent opportunity for testing the efficiency and might of the Russian war machine, but that campaign proved, or seemed to prove, not Russia's power so much as her incompetence. Further there is little doubt that Russia in her belief in the might of her armies, has not sought for friends in any part of the world, nor has she been able to acquire new resources and supplies of man-power by conquest to any appreciable extent. She has seen her doctrines flouted in Germany and even trampled under foot; her adherents have been under suspicion in every country in the world, but by no country were they treated with such cruelty as in Germany and it is with Germany she was allied. Another source of weakness is detected in the Russian position, namely, the lack of trained leaders, which is due to the numerous purges that have taken place in recent years.

THERE IS another side to the picture however. With regard to the Finnish campaign it is stated that the Russians were deceived about the extent and strength of the Communist Fifth Column in Finland and consequently despatched small and inferior forces to deal with the situation. It was only when they realised that Finland was sold that they sent in their better troops. There can be little doubt that the Russian army is a bigger and finer force than the Russian army of 1914, which did, in any case, fight on until 1917; and then it only surrendered because its supplies of ammunition had completely broken down. It is significant that the White Russians are not in favour of the Nazis, but are hoping for a Russian victory; and it is fairly certain that those who have been brought up in the Soviet System since 1917, which is 24 years ago, and which means every soldier under the age of thirty at least, will be behind the Russian army of today. The present Russian soldier is undoubtedly superior to his predecessor, for he is a member of a People's Army, and not merely a professional soldier. Foreign-

ers may not like Bolshevism, but writers like Bernard Pares, an Englishman and a distinguished Russian scholar, who went there prepared to condemn the system lock, stock and barrel, had to admit, after listening to conversations in the train, tram and in the market place, that the vast majority were well satisfied with their lot. This must make an important difference in the spirit of the army of today, as compared with that of 1914, when revolution was already in the air and merely delayed because of the external danger.

IT IS reasonable to suppose that there are no Fifth Columnists in Russia, ready to back up Germany, for, as Herr Hitler says, even the Germans who resided for any length of time in Russia were soon lost to Germany, since the spirit of Russia seemed to master them. While it may be said that the Nazi troops invade Russia, flushed with success in other fields, it is equally true to say that they go to Russia because of their fear of failure in Britain. There they met with the air disaster in September and a diplomatic defeat when they sought, through Herr Hess to induce Britain to call the war off and join in the attack on Russia. The German forces then advance into Russia because they can do no other. A short war was essential to Hitler; a long war means starvation and the crippling of Europe. Even now the flow of grain from Russia must be interrupted for many months even if Germany did triumph. No one knows how to carry out the scorched earth policy better than the Russians. At the beginning of the 17th Century they did it; when Charles XII invaded the country they burnt down everything, and when Napoleon tried it, they left a wilderness for him. If the war should last into the winter, then Hitler will have to wage war against General's January and February. These, then, are some of the factors which tell in Russia's favour and may very well enable her to hold out sufficiently long to make Hitler regret that he ever sought to emulate the exploits of Napoleon Bonaparte.—(OBSERVER).

CHARITY MAH JONGG DRIVE



A charity mahjong drive, sponsored by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, in aid of the Club's relief funds, was held at the International Women's Club, Gloucester Building, yesterday afternoon. About 80 persons attended. Prize winning tickets were drawn by Mrs. Li Tse-fong and they were as follows:—Nos. 102, 132, 77, 36 and 122.

BOUNDARY STREET
COLLISION

Flight-Lieut. A. J. R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai Tak Aerodrome, has reported to the Police that on Tuesday while driving along Boundary Street his car collided with another car which he was endeavouring to overtake. Both cars were slightly damaged.

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CORRESPONDENCE

NAZI CONSULATE

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press
Sir,—I was surprised to read your paper of the 21st instant under the above heading that a Nazi Consulate will shortly make its appearance in the Portuguese Colony, such will be staffed by Nazis, with the sole object of spreading Axis propaganda.

It appears your reporter has been misinformed, for as far as can be learned there is not the tiniest truth in it, nor have the Macao Authorities been approached on the matter.

A. F. R.

REGISTRY
WEDDING

The marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday of Mr. Lam Yun-ming, clerk of No. 114 Prince Edward Road, and Miss Ho Yat-tim, of No. 29 Sands Street. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiated at the ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:—
Mr. Lau On, salesman, of No. 428 Queen's Road West, third floor, and Miss Mai Wah, of No. 21 Wing Hing Street, ground floor;

Mr. Wong Heung foo, student, of No. 183 Lalchikok Road, and Miss Yee Big kin, of No. 70 Woo Sung Street;

Mr. Wee Tu-kong, teacher, of No. 199 Hennessy Road, and Miss Lily Kwok, of No. 231 Hennessy Road;

Mr. Yip Kat-nam, radio mechanic, of No. 156 Jaffe Road, and Miss Choi Man-ching, of the same address.

TRAGEDY STRIKES
WEDDING PARTY

A coconut tree, crashing down on a little shed in which half a dozen Malay women were celebrating a wedding at the East Coast killed one middle-aged woman outright and seriously injured three others who were removed to hospital by ambulance.

Fracture of the skull combined with spinal injury was suspected in two of the cases, while the third, an elderly woman, is thought to be suffering from concussion of the brain.

Two other women in the hut were also injured.
The shed was a temporary kitchen in which meals were being prepared for a wedding feast, which was to have taken place in an estate at the 8½ milestone, East Coast Road.

The shed was put up under the coconut tree which, in its fall, plucked the dead woman right under the trunk.

LIFE-SAVING
CLASS

Fifteen members of the Hongkong Police Force consisting of Europeans and Chinese Sub-Inspectors, have formed a life-saving class with Sergeant Bower as coach.

Among the members are Sergeant Channing, Davitt and Penfold, and B.T.s. Wong Wing-yin, Lai Kwai-kuen, Lam Kam-kwong, Ho Shui-huen and Chan Har-cheong.

Compulsory Service
Tribunal

A public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, July 4, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

THE WAR IN THE AIR:

FORCING NAZIS TO FIGHT
ON TWO FRONTS: VALUE OF
R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMANY

"Our bombers have been going over in force and Germany is being hit harder from the air than in any previous period of the war," said MAJ. OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., editor of the London magazine "AERONAUTICS" and authority on aerial warfare, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the significance of the R.A.F. offensive on Western Germany.

Major Stewart said that when the Prime Minister referred to the German march against Russia and had declared that Britain would give the Soviet every possible help, he indicated that this would be as a result of expanding the strategy which had been sustained against Germany in the west.

GERMAN DREAD

"A war on two fronts is what the Germans have always dreaded," continued Major Stewart. "They have believed that they cannot be involved in fighting on the west and therefore, that they were free to attack Russia. Their calculations may be true as far as the land is concerned, but certainly not in the air."

"The Germans have thus really become involved on two fronts. We do not know what Russian resistance to the Germans in the air will be, but while there is a Russian air force in being, the Germans will have to fight in the east and west."

"In the west they have not been very successful lately. Their raids have been very costly and the ratio in our favour has been ten to one, which is an astonishingly good result. Our bombers have been going over in force and Germany is now being hit harder from the air than in any previous period of the war."

"All indications suggest that Germany is now being subjected not only to the heaviest attack in this war, but to the heaviest attacks she has ever been called upon to endure. We shall see how she will stand up to it."

ACCURATE ESTIMATE

"It seems to me quite clear now that the British Government has appreciated the position with a good deal of accuracy. They had known that the Germans would attempt to invade Russia and had decided at once to lift the weight from the Russian shoulders. The best move was to launch a heavy air offensive in the west."

"At this time of the year, the nights are too short to allow long-distance attacks into Germany and the Bomber Command was been striking night after night at Western Germany. We have little information of the results, but the chances are that the damage has been fairly extensive. If daylight raiding is less massive, in some ways it is more serious. A day bomber may not be able to carry the weight of the night bomber, but it is able to launch its bombs with greater accuracy."

Major Stewart said that all the British bomber attacks had been made escorted by fighters. The object of this was two-fold: to hit at ground targets and to bring down enemy aircraft. It now looked as if the British had been striking more heavily than the Germans in the air.

COMMON SENSE STRATEGY

"If the Germans have moved many of their machines to the Russian frontier," continued Major Stewart, "their pressure here will be less effective. If they have not moved many planes to the east, the chance will be presented to the Russians to hold up the German attack. The strategy we have adopted seems to follow the strategy of common sense."

"With the Germans kept busy in the east, we are striking harder in the west. I have already given you some estimate of the strength of the German air force, but no air force in the world can be stronger on two fronts than on one."

"Some of our offensive actions in the west recently have been well-planned and well-timed. Our sustained offensive began just at the right moment, when the Germans were making their final preparations for their assault on Russia and I hope to see these assaults getting stronger. If we can only push on with our attack on the west and have enough machines to hit hard at the Germans in Germany, we may be able to upset their

plans for their attack on Russia. Russia's strength is not known, but the tendency is to place it below Germany's strength. By diverting some of Germany's forces we will be helping Russia."

"I have not attempted to minimise the facts. In this most recent phase of the war which began with the attack on Russia, we have certainly been successful in estimating the position and foreseeing the enemy's moves. Some people have said that I am too critical in these talks and that I don't give enough credit to our training staff."

GERMAN CHARACTERISTIC

"Whether these views are right or wrong, I can say that our air situation in the past few days has been well gauged. It is characteristic of the Germans to concentrate very strongly on their immediate objective and they will stand up to the most prodigious attacks. We may reason that the Germans in Western Germany and occupied France will take an enormous amount of bombing without being demoralised if they know that their troops are making a victorious march into Russia."

"We have thus come back to fighting for practical results and our objectives are the same as they were at the beginning of the war. Right from the beginning of the Battle of the Bombs we have been concentrating on the enemy's lines of communication and the figures of the attacks we have made show that the weight of our assault has fallen on their lines of communication. These are our primary targets. Where a huge army is concerned, the problem of supply has proved dominantly important."

"We are now starting an immense military operation that the world has never known. At every point in this operation the air will play its part. So it all comes back to the common-sense view that we should throw everything we have into our air assault on the western side of Germany so that we can make the enemy fight a war on two fronts even if he tries to avoid doing so. "If the Germans have weakened their defences in the west to strike more vigorously in the east, the R.A.F. will find it out and profit by it," concluded Major Stewart.

Refugees In
The Colony

A decrease of nine in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns for the week ending on June 21.

Urban Areas:
King's Park—1,337 against 1,387 on June 14.
Ma Tau Chung — 2,006 against 1,997 on June 14.
North Point—1,543 against 1,538 on June 14.
Morrison Hill — 511 against 509 on June 14.

Rural Areas (Squatters' Camps):
Tai Hang — 2,546 against 2,546 on June 14.
Ngau Tau Kok — 804 against 808 on June 14.

Rural Areas:
Kam Tin — 2,762 against 2,801 on June 14.
Fanning Children's Camp — 371 against 375 on June 14.
Total — 11,950 against 11,959 on June 14.

UNCLAIMED
TELEGRAMS

(The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams from Shanghai lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Dawson, American Express; Ho Kin Chai, China Bldg., 4th Fl., Room 413; Lai Chook Sang, Bayview Mansions; Miss Ma Sam Woon, 2 or 6 Shan Kwong Road, 1st Fl., Ah Yuh, c/o Yu Leung Wo, 11 Bai Ying Fun Street, Upstairs; Kow Chu Yu, c/o Luk Kwok Hotel.

MR. JUSTICE CRESSALL:

Interesting And Witty Talk On Some Impressions Of Palestine

A very interesting and witty talk entitled "Some Impressions of Palestine" was given by MR. JUSTICE P. E. F. CRESSALL to members of the Jewish Club last night.

The speaker prefaced his talk with a vivid description of King David Street, Jerusalem, with its vegetables and fruit shops and cloth merchants—the Arab shop-keepers and the "fat black veiled women" with shoes and stockings mostly in holes but with veils of brand new silk—the struggling chattering mass of men, women and animals (mainly donkeys with an odd camel or two) pushing, shouting, snorting as they pick their way slowly up or down the well-worn flag stones.

This King David Street, or "The Suk," said Mr. Cressall, was once described in verse as follows:

The Suk's a street of monks and bones

And pavements flagged with murderous stones

Where mokes and blokes and hideous wenches

Produce the most unpleasant stench

All well defined, as are the stinks

Pertaining to the sewers and the sinks

O City Fathers, hear our prayer

Our supplication to the Mayor,

If ye remove the stones and stench

We'll try to put up with the wenches

OUTSTANDING CHANGE

"The outstanding change in Jerusalem," went on Mr. Cressall, "during the last twenty years is that it has become a metropolis of the Jewish people for the Jewish population has been strikingly increased during these 20 years."

The speaker then mentioned the "world famed Hebrew University" on Mount Scopus with its equally famous inscription on its entrance gates "Work for the country; work for science; work for humanity."

Tel Aviv, said Mr. Cressall, is the city which showed the most phenomenal development since the British occupation of Palestine 20 years ago. In 1920 it had a population of only 2,000—today, the figure has risen to 150,000. "Tel Aviv" means the Hill of Spring, "and believe me," continued the speaker, "it has sprung with a vengeance!"

FESTIVAL OF ESTER

The Festival of Ester, or as it is popularly called "Purim" is a merry carnival and represents a kind of Lord Mayor's Show through the street. This lasts for three days during which no business is

JAPAN AND NEW SITUATION

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a mass of contradiction? She must realise that Hitler took no account of Japanese interests and Japan may now take a leaf out of his own book and act according to her own national interests.

"But where does Japan's first interests lead?" asked Sir Frederick.

"Do they lead to a new conquest in North-East Asia against Russia, now that the Soviet is no longer able to defend her territory in the Far East, or do they point to new operations in the South Seas? How far could Japan go in either direction now that she is so deeply engaged with more than a million men in China?"

"My own belief," went on Sir Frederick, "is that this question will bring about a sharp difference of opinion in the highest circles in Tokyo and they may revive the conflict of opinion between the maritime and the continental parties in Japan. The continental clique, which is the Army, will plunk for an immediate move to capture Vladivostok. The temptation to do this will be almost irresistible in the hour of Russia's weakness, but the maritime school will claim that there will be much better prizes to be won in the South Seas while America and Britain are deeply concerned with the war in Europe."

POLITICAL SPLIT

Sir Frederick said that these were the probable outlines of what happen in Tokyo. How would they end? Unless the Japanese Army marched on Vladivostok there would be a political split and, in his opinion, Japan would wait a little further to see how Hitler fares with his new war.

General Keitel Over-ruled Ribbentrop's Reasons Against Immediate Smashing Of Red Army

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—The story prevalent in well-informed European circles that GENERAL KEITEL over-ruled HERR VON RIBBENTROP'S reasons against the immediate smashing of the Russian Army is quoted by Reuter's Special correspondent "somewhere in Europe."

Herr von Ribbentrop, it is stated, with the backing of others in the Wilhelmstrasse, desired a peaceful solution of the Russo-German situation in the belief:

FIRSTLY, that Russia would make far-reaching concessions to avoid war;

SECONDLY, the occupation of Russian territory would reduce its productivity as had been done in other subjugated countries; and

THIRDLY, the fact that 10,000,000 Germans were already mobilised was creating a strain on German economy.

Gen Keitel's answer was that Russia would never concede to the demobilisation of her Army which constituted a potential threat to Germany further time would enable M. Stalin to complete the reorganisation of the Red Army and expose Germany to a two front war.

He pointed out it was impossible to say what the United States would do until it was known what Russia wanted.

No list of Russian needs was yet submitted. Probably when it was submitted it could not be filled by taking it "down to the department store."

The only things immediately available for supplying, the President said, were such things as socks, shoes. It would take a long time to fulfil orders for aircraft.

ALL POSSIBLE UNITED STATES AID TO RUSSIA

Orders For Aircraft Difficult To Fulfil

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter)—The United States will give all possible aid to Russia, President Roosevelt, making this declaration at a Press conference yesterday.

He said it could not be determined yet in what form the help would take.

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PRIORITIES

The President had no idea whether priorities could be granted to expedite the manufacture of aircraft for Russia.

He said he did not know what the Soviet credit, released by the Treasury, might be used for, but it was supposed Russia would be allowed to buy things in the United States with them.

President Roosevelt said there was nothing to amplify the statement on United States policy made on Monday by Mr. Sumner Welles. All he could say was that the United States was going to give all aid she possibly could to Russia.

LEASE, LEND BILL

The President declined to answer the question whether Russia came within the category of nations which could be aided under the Lease and Lend Act.

He also declined to say whether Russia might pay cash for defence items or operate under the Lease and Lend terms.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight, on June 24:—Cerebro-spinal Fever, one case; Cholera; 21 cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, 13 cases; Enteric Fever seven cases; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 71 cases.

Wang Ching-wei and his suite left Tokyo yesterday by train for Kobe en route to Nanking. Chow Po-hai, Nanking Finance Minister, and his staff are remaining in Tokyo for some time, says Reuter.

Favourable Reports From Syria Front

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter)—The Australian troops have made a further important advance in the coastal sector of the Syrian front, states a G.H.Q. communique, which adds that artillery is already in action against the Vichy position at Damour.

On Monday, British troops occupied Qatana Gagara, south-west of Damascus, and are now advancing towards the Damascus-Beirut road.

Free French and Indian troops successfully attacked and occupied the high ground north of Parze.

In the Mery Ayoum area, our troops made further local gains and fighting is proceeding.

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of the attack against Russia in its communique on Tuesday, but towards midnight the official German news agency maintained that on land German shock-troops, heavily supported, have taken the initiative after stubborn Russian resistance in the first two days.

The Germans claim that Russian frontier positions have been pierced and that at some points German troops penetrated 75 miles into Russian territory.

STIFF RESISTANCE There is no confirmation of these claims in the Red Army High Command communique broadcast by the Moscow Radio early on Tuesday morning, which stated that Russian troops are putting up "stiff resistance" to the continued German offensive yesterday all along the line, and from the positions given, it indicated that fighting is still taking place on Lithuanian or Polish soil.

Russian bombers hit back at the Rumanian Black Sea ports of Constantza and Lubina, as well as the Baltic ports of Kanning and Konigsberg. Petroz dumps at Warsaw were left burning.

DRIVEN TO SEA

These raids follow German attacks on Latvian ports and the Russian Black Sea naval base of Sebastopol which is said to have driven the Russian Black Sea Fleet to sea.

The world's R. A. F. No. 2, as the Russian Air Force might be called, is hammering at German air bases as the Luftwaffe is hitting its own.

GERMAN INTERESTS

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—The Rumanian Government is taking charge of German interests in the Soviet Union and the Swedish Government is performing the same service for Slovakia, according to the German Radio.

The same source says that the Danish Government has ordered the staff of the Danish Legation in Moscow to return to Denmark.

DUTCH ON SIDE OF SOVIET

Queen Wilhelmina's Broadcast

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said, "We are full of compassion for the Russian people who have to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

Today, it is Russia but we know that tomorrow or the day after, those mighty bulwarks of our civilisation and principles which are holy to us, the British Empire and the United States will have to withstand the main might of Hitler's war machine.

"For this reason, when circumstances may lead to this, we shall fight by the side of the Russian people. We shall do this, remaining faithful to our viewpoint in respect of Bolshevism which is the result of our principles, for we may never forget that we reject absolutely the principles and practices of Bolshevism."

TRIBUTE TO EMPIRE Queen Wilhelmina paid tribute to the "firm, courageous attitude and wide statesmanship displayed by the British Empire towards this new conflict."

She said: "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a slackening should occur in the world-wide co-ordinated effort to bring about a victory of our arms."

G. BRITAIN IS SPENDING £10 MILLION EVERY DAY

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter)—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend Act, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons yesterday, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.

A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

EXCELLENT PALESTINE DEFENCES

Haifa's defences were so excellent that in a four-hour raid on Tuesday very little damage was done and only one person was killed," said a young Dutchman who arrived by plane in Palestine with his wife from Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Kummerle have lived in Haifa for eight years running their own firm, and the last night of their stay in Palestine was spent in an air raid shelter.

They are going to Java to settle down there. The plane which usually leaves from Lydda, near Tel-Aviv, on its present run left from Amman in Trans-Jordan with 14 European passengers.

Describing the raid on Tuesday night Mr. Kummerle said that the enemy planes received a hot reception, one was shot down and at least three were badly damaged.

The news of the British troops marching into Syria was received with great jubilation in Palestine as for weeks past there had been a constant fear in the minds of Palestinians that the Germans would get too firmly established in Syria.

Another passenger on the plane was Mr. I. Korman, a businessman from Palestine. He is going on a six months holiday to Melbourne to visit his son who is in business there.

Defence Needs Of N.E.I.

The rapidity of modern warfare was the subject of an interesting talk by Major van Dyken, of the Staff, at a general meeting of the Association of Officers of the Reserve at Dikjia.

"Formerly," he said, "it was sufficient for a defending army to occupy certain positions and portions of the coast near the bases to be defended, and then wait and see where the enemy would land before concentrating on the menaced positions."

"Nowadays, however, an enemy becomes dangerous very soon after landing. He will make for his objective with all the rapidity of the blitz-krieg."

According to Major van Dyken, our concentrations need to be speeded up considerably. Troops should be held in readiness in all parts of the country so that the enemy might be opposed with sufficient force in a very short period of time.

"We need," said Major van Dyken, "three groups of defensive troops:

"(1) Those occupying the coast sectors, adequately equipped with automatic guns and anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns;

"(2) Rapidly mechanised and motorised divisions that are able to oppose enemy landing forces wherever they might penetrate;

"(3) Finally so-called 'parashot' troops able to cope with parachutists and air-force infantry inland. For these we can rely on the reserves of the L.D.V. and the Home Guard."

EXCELLENTLY SUITED

According to Major van Dyken the Indonesian conscripts would be excellently suited to this kind of work. He then said that Java's fleet and air bases should be retained at all costs. The defence of these points should not be seen as merely local and limited actions.

"In the same manner as Singapore's defences begin in Burma and Malaya, the defence of our chief bases comprises the whole of Java, as seen from a purely military point of view and not even taking the totalitarian method of warfare into consideration."

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etc., etc.

also

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- 1 Oak Dining Room Suite
- 1 Beauty Rest Mattress
- 1 "G. E." Refrigerator
- 1 Surf Board
- 2 New Canvas Canoes
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- 1 "Emerson" Radio
- 1 "Fada" Radio
- 1 "Alwater Kent" Radio

On View from Wednesday,
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Terms: Cash on Delivery

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RADIO
PROGRAMMES

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8.45 Songs by Evelyn Laye (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Gipsy Moon (Borgunoff), Just a
Linger in Your Arms (Arnold).
Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
When I Grown Too Old to
Dream, The Night Is Young (both
from film 'The Night Is Young').
Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.
10.00 London Relay—The News and
News Commentary.
10.15 A Rachmaninoff Programme.
Polichinelle: Prelude in B Flat
Major (Poulshoff) (Piano).
No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 44, 1st Mov.
Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio
ma non troppo; 3rd Mov. Allegro.
Sergei Rachmaninoff conducting the
Philadelphia Orchestra.
11.00 London Relay—To Talk of
Many Things.
11.15 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Sum-
mary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
do 9.00 p.m.
do 12.00 mid-
night

Trans II & III—News Sum-
mary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—
According to a Bratislava dis-
patch quoted by the official Ger-
man news agency, the Slovakian
army has joined the Germans
"in the defence of European cul-
ture."

Woman Co-opted To
Kill Profiteering

Reference to prices in the central market, about which there has been general dissatisfaction, was made by the chairman of the Sanitary Board, Mr. W. N. Gourley, at a meeting of the board in Kuala Lumpur when the minutes of the meeting of the markets, street stalls and foodstuffs committee held on May 20 were considered.

The chairman said that, subject to the approval of the committee, he had decided to co-opt a woman member to the committee, and she had kindly consented to being co-opted.

A good deal of interest, he said, was being taken in the prices of fresh foodstuffs in the market and there had been general dissatisfaction at the increased prices. The matter would be discussed fully at the next meeting of the committee.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector was keeping an accurate record of the cost and selling prices in the market and some leading retail shops. Since this detailed investigation began there was a reduction in certain prices. The prices were still under constant scrutiny by the board officials and the woman he had referred to.

OTHER MATTERS
Since the board's last meeting on May 14, said the chairman, the

A.R.P. ORDERS

JUNE 25, 1941

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

SPECIAL ORDER

A.R.P. Orders No. 23 called for new Warden to furnish one photograph at the time of attestation. It has now been decided that all candidates must hand 2 photographs with their name in block letters at the back to the instructor at the first or second lecture. Photographs will be returned to unsuccessful candidates on application.

REORGANISATION OF DISTRICTS

District "G", Central—As from July 1, District "G", Central Division will be abolished and the area it covers will be administered by District "F", Central Division. All members of the Corps at present attached to District "G", Central will be automatically transferred to District "F", Central as from July 1.

District "D", Aberdeen—As from June 21, District "D", Aberdeen Division will be abolished and the area it covers will be administered by District "B", Aberdeen Division. All members of the Corps at present attached to District "D" will be automatically transferred to District "B" as from June 21.

STRENGTH DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:

Tsimshatui—Divisional Warden J. Moodie on transfer to Transport and Labour Control Board. Shamshui—1919 Yu Tak-long and 3422 Miss Wong Nap-ying. Western—District Warden H. Y. Tso is permitted to resign and to retain the rank of Honorary District Warden. Upper Levels—2649 Miss Law Oi-huen and 3231 Au Kwok-lin.

The following Wardens have been struck off the strength:
Yau-matui—S/W 2265 Liu Kwok-hung. Upper Levels—2530 Lai Siu-tung.

The undermentioned being a member of the St. John's Ambulance Association and Brigade is struck off the strength of the Corps:—
Shamshui—2499 Miss Fan Siu-yung.

The following Wardens have been dismissed from the Corps:—
Shamshui—3637 Poon Jor-ping S/W 1855 Chui Shi-yin and 2442 Wong Ying-chiu.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mongkok—Deputy District Warden Fan Oi-man to 22 Tai Po Road, 3rd floor, 3463 Kwok Woon-cheung (Y) to 385 Reclamation St., 1st floor, Western—668 Chan Lun, 1165 Chan Fung-ke (U.L.) to 1 Second Street, 1st floor, Central—2813 Lai Kam-hong (U.L.) to 5 Wing Shing Street, 2nd floor, 3825 Luk Sing-wo and 2835 Tong Kwong-yun (U.L.) to 3 Wing Shing Street, 2nd floor, Yau-matui—D/S/W 2447 Li Pul-tak, 3418 Miss Li Yim-ping, 2760 Li Wan-sang and 4080 Li Hing-wan (S.S. Poi) to 200 Shanghai St., 2nd floor, D.S.W. 1723 Ho Pul-kee (M.K.) to 507 Nathan Road, Kowloon C.Y. 3204 Lau Chin-pang (E) to 2 Belfair Road, Eastern—1187 Li Chok-chi (W) to 17 Cross Street, 1st floor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Shamshui—2754 Lau Shi-yee till July 25, 3015 Law So until August 25, Eastern—3221 Miss Wong Sze-lin sick leave till July 25, Kowloon City—Deputy Divisional Warden B. P. C. Fletcher leave from June 26 to July 6, Mongkok—3440 Fong Pang till August 16.

TRANSFERS

Yau-matui—S/W 2683 H. W. Roger Tsimshatui, is transferred to Yau-matui. A.R.P. Headquarters Kowloon.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOUR IN
CHINESE SHOP SIGNS

WHAT'S IN A NAME? A rose, they say, by any other name would smell as sweet—and a thorn, called anything else, would scratch as badly.

To the old-fashioned Chinese business men, however, NAMES ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. Before commencing business they would go to great lengths to obtain a "LUCKY" name for their establishment.

POPULAR NAMES

Among the names which, it is held (correctly or otherwise) would bring continued prosperity to the stores are "Tal" with its variations "Dal", "Dah" and "The", meaning "great"; "Hing", "Hang" and "Hung" (popular); "Yau" (have); "Fat" (prosperous) and "Cheong" or "Cheung" (long-lasting).

The modern Chinese merchant, however, shows a tendency to name his premises after countries (Australia, China, Melbourne, America, Canada, etc.), cities (Oxford, Cambridge, Melbourne, London, Nanking, Peking, Vienna, etc.), and other descriptive appellations.

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOUR

This search for the unusual in names often reveals unconscious humour in shop-signs.

A short walk around the centre of the town revealed a "Racket Shop".

Divisional Warden G. P. Murphy, Yau-matui, is transferred to ARP Headquarters Kowloon.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from June 25:
Head Warden Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews (Acting Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden) to be Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Kowloon. Divisional Warden G. P. Murphy to be Head Warden, Kowloon.

Tsimshatui—To be Divisional Warden—Deputy Divisional Warden J. Ribeiro, To be Deputy Divisional Warden—District Warden R. Abraham, To be Deputy Divisional Warden—Deputy District Warden R. C. Danenberg, To be Deputy District Warden, District "A"—1549 S/W E. V. M. de Souza and 1542 S/W D. A. Alonso.

Yau-matui—To be Divisional Warden S/W 2683 H. W. Roger; To be Deputy District Warden B—G/W 2188 N. A. Beltrao.

Mongkok—To be Deputy District Warden "A"—S/W 1709 P. G. Barros; To be Deputy District Warden "B"—G/W 1738 To Lui; To be Deputy District Warden "C"—G/W 1780 Yung Chiu-wing.

Bay View—A. J. Coelho Acting Deputy District Warden "B" to be Deputy District Warden, Acting District Warden "A"; G/W 56 H. C. Liang to be Deputy District Warden "A".

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from June 25:
Aberdeen—To be Group Wardens, S/Ws 1444 Lee Jim, 1408 Leung Sing, 1412 Liu Wai-kwong and 1438 Miss L. P. Morant.

Bay View—To be Group Warden, S/Ws 6 Li Chan-si, 2 J. D. Lam, 49 K. K. Woo, 67 Li Chung-wah, 78 N. Wong; To be Senior Wardens, 30 Li Po-kwong, 34 Chan Siu-kon, 803 M. as Wong Yuen-long, 2543 Cheng Mow-tsoon, 2544 Miss Cheung Sin-may, 2547 Chu Kwai-pui, 2548 Hung Yau-hing, 2553 Lo Tse-ching, 2556 Wong Po-shan, 35 Wong Man-kay, 36 Liu Sung-ho, 3779 Chow Yan-wai, 58 Chan Chun-wah, 60 Ko Tat-in, 74 Wong Kan-yau, 80 Lau Wai-lum, 81 Tam Kit-chee, 84 Chu Chi-ming, 3378 Cheung Man-sang, 3549 J. K. Pavri, 3550 S. R. Solina.

Central—S/W 442 H. Evelle to be Group Warden.

Eastern—To be Senior Wardens, D/S/Ws 873 Miss Tsang Wai-bing and 904 Ho Ching-wah; To be Deputy Senior Wardens, 2513 Pau Po-yung.

Upper Levels—To be Deputy Group Warden, S/Ws 689 W. To and 652 Li Hung-ho; To be Senior Wardens, 688 Miss A. Ip, 635 A. C. Graves, D/S/W 691 Chow Keh-chang, 3161 Wong Yee-wah, 3159 Li Hon-hay; To be Deputy Senior Warden—605 Tse Yung-nam.

Western—To be Group Wardens, Deputy G/Ws 1031 Lai Hon-seu, 1007 Lai Sai-che; To be Deputy Group Wardens—S/W 1045 Yu Shi-woo, 1183 Man Hei-wo.

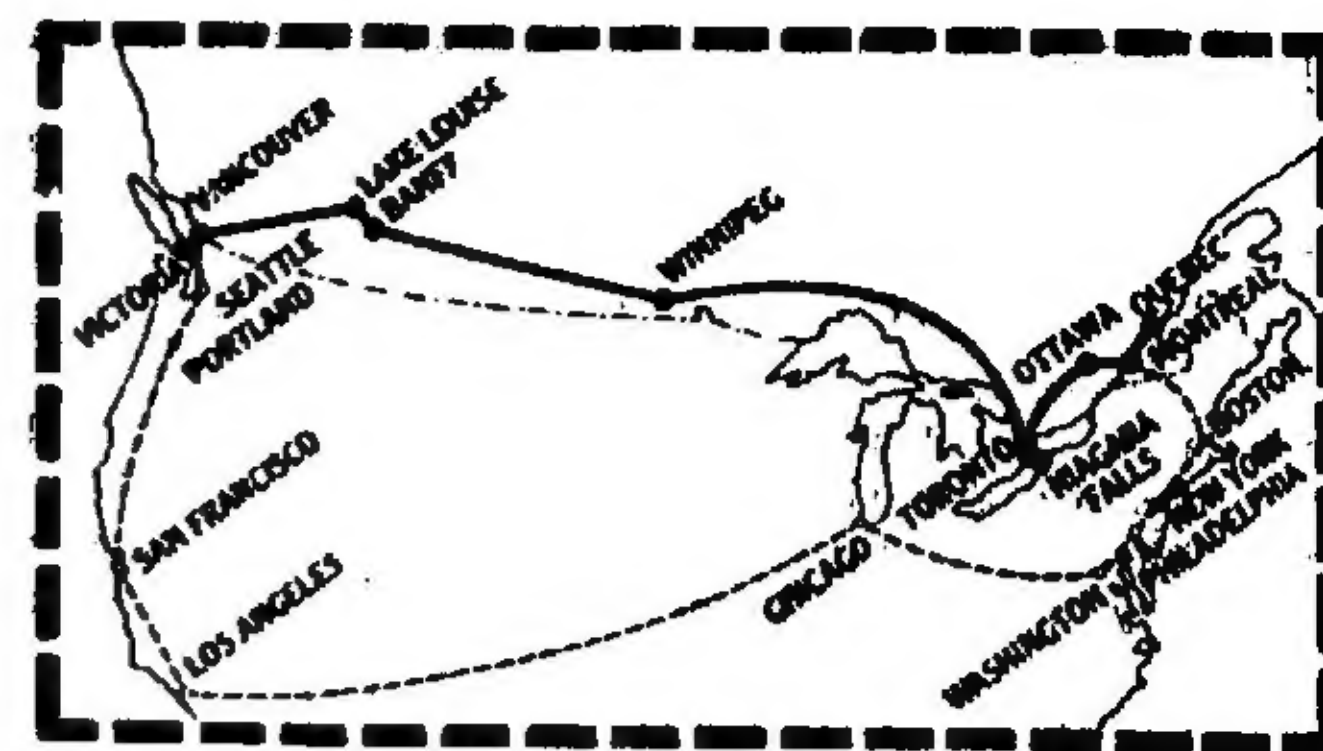
Mongkok—To be Senior Warden D/S/W 1393 Ng Shi-biu, To be Deputy Senior Wardens—1780 Kwok Wing-cheung and 3137 Leung Chu-ching.

Shamshui—To be Deputy Group Wardens, S/W 2435 Ng Chuen, 2446 Tong Fook, 3420 Yu Kwok-sui, 3544 Lau Mee-sang, To be Senior Wardens, D/S/Ws 1990 Miss Cheung Mo-ching, 2439 Wong Kwok-kit; To be Deputy Senior Wardens—1890 Li Yiu-ming, 2018 Miss Tsang Kwai-fong, 2440 Miss Wong Wai-ling, 3020 Ip Pang-chung, 3022 Miss Lau Bik-yuk, 3027 Leung Hung, 3100 Kan Pui-yau, 3131 Miss Wong Yui-fung, 3030 Wong Yeung-kwan.

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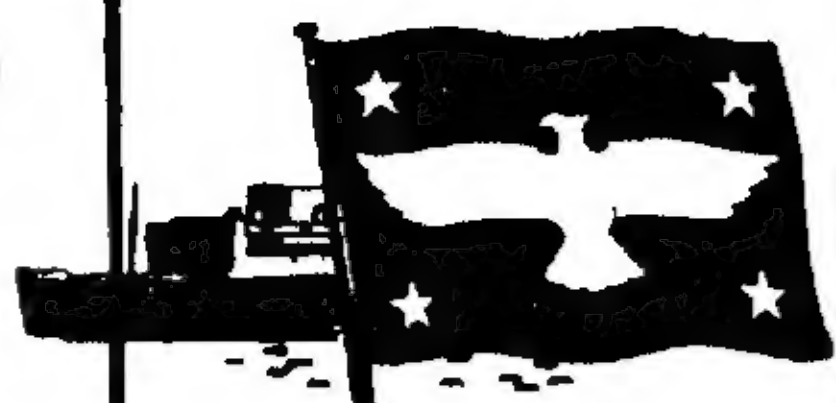
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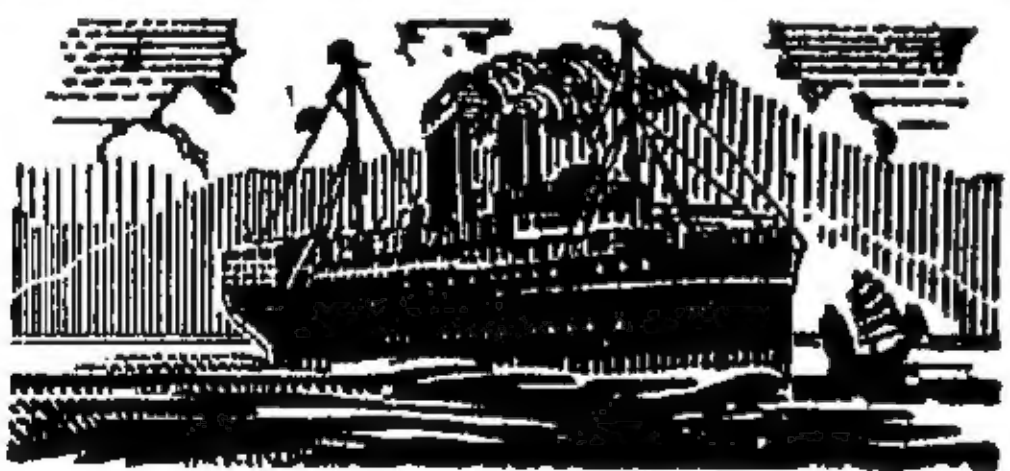
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MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter).—"We know that the enemy who attacked us is strong. We do not expect an easy victory. We know that victory over Fascism will be difficult and will demand many sacrifices but we also know that we shall win," says Pravda.

It recalls that the German attempt to seize Ukraine in 1918 was defeated with enormous losses despite the fact that the Russians then were "exhausted by the Imperialist war and poorly armed and supplies."

The Pravda adds: "Since then our forces have grown immeasurably. We possess a powerful and splendidly armed and supplied Red Army and Navy capable of delivering a crushing blow to any enemy."

SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES

CHINESE SUCCESSES IN E. KIANGSI

SOUTH ANHWEI, June 25 (Central).—Further successes have been scored by Chinese troops operating in eastern Kiangsi.

A Japanese detachment pushing south from Malukow, south of Pengtseh, on June 16 was annihilated by the Chinese and engaged in severe close-quarter fighting. Taken completely unawares, the Japanese suffered numerous losses and the remnants hurriedly fled back for their lives.

A successful raid was made by Chinese troops on the Japanese at Oufeng, a height northwest of Pengtseh, on the night of June 18. Roused from their slumbers, the Japanese put up a haphazard fight but were decimated by the Chinese. After destroying Japanese communications in the vicinity of the point, the Chinese safely retired before dawn with a sizable war booty.

Chishan, a point south of Kwelchih, 85 miles above Wuhu in southern Anhwei, was also successfully attacked by a Chinese mobile unit.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 26 June to 2 July 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thu.	26	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		09 35	7 4	03 17	3 0
		23 44	4 2	17 16	0 3
Fri.	27	10 10	7 4	03 48	3 0
				17 44	0 4
Sat.	28	00 22	4 3	04 26	3 1
		10 61	7 2	18 23	0 5
Sun.	29	01 01	4 4	05 17	3 2
		11 36	6 9	19 04	0 7
Mon.	30	01 44	4 6	05 57	3 3
		12 27	6 4	19 46	1 1
Tues.	1	02 31	4 8	06 58	3 4
		13 29	6 8	20 31	1 6
Wed.	2	03 20	6 0	08 27	3 4
		14 39	5 2	21 20	2 0

AMERICANS WANT U.S. NAVY BASED IN S'PORE

The third of the Pan American Airways' giant Clippers arrived in Singapore recently, bringing with it 20 passengers for Singapore and a large mail.

On board was Mrs. Dee Bredin, journalist, who, incidentally, was also the first woman passenger brought by Pan American Airways to Malaya. Another journalist who arrived by the Clipper yesterday was Mr. Richard Watts, of the New York Herald Tribune.

Interviewed, Mr. Watts who has been connected with the Herald Tribune since 1924, stated that he was on a roving trip for his paper to cover Singapore and later the Dutch East Indies and China.

America was slowly beginning to realise the importance of Singapore in the Far East, he said, and there was a strong feeling on the part of the public that the American Fleet should be stationed here. Singapore was only a romantic name before, but it was much more now. Questioned, he said that it would be some time before America would enter the European war in an active sense.

RIGHT AWAY

There was a strong school which thought that Germany wanted America to enter the war right away, so that all material help from America to Britain would be hindered, but he personally did not think that that was the right way; he felt that America would do her very utmost only after she had entered the war.

Mrs. Dee Bredin is out here to cover the Dutch East Indies for some of Hearst's magazines. She is going to the D.E.I. as the guest of the Dutch Government, she said.

She hopes to visit Batavia, Bali, Timor and other places and later visit Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs. Bredin is also a broadcaster for the National Broadcasting Corporation and will go on the air from Batavia, telling the people in the States all about the D.E.I.

LONDON SOUNDING OUT JAPAN

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Central).—An Associated Press report from London today stated that Britain was sounding out Japan regarding her reaction to the Nazi-Soviet hostilities.

Although officials here declined to comment on the report, the Associated Press added that reliable but unofficial sources said that the British request for Japanese information would avoid pressing Japan because the "Japanese themselves are probably badly confused by the quick about-face" of Germany.

Harbour Department Holiday

Tuesday, July 1, having been declared a public holiday, the Mercantile Marine Office, Harbour Department, will be open only from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on that date, the Entry and Clearance Office from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Junk Office from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, states a Harbour Office notice.

FINNISH-RUSSO RELATIONS

Helsinki Reiterates Neutrality Policy

HELSINKI, June 25 (Reuter).—Only attack from without can induce Finland to abandon her neutrality, a Finnish Foreign Office Spokesman declared yesterday. "We are remaining so until attacked," he said.

So far not a single Finnish soldier had crossed the frontier. Asked for his views on Hitler's statement that the front would extend from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea, the spokesman said that Finland regarded the front as political and not military. Finland did not recognise the term "non-belligerent." She recognised only neutrality or war.

Official communications mention shots fired across the frontier, and other incidents concerning which the Foreign Minister has verbally protested to the Soviet Minister. The latter has promised to obtain explanations.

Communications between Finland and Russia are almost normal. The telegraph is working although with less regularity, and rail communications are unchanged.

Russian transit across the Gulf of Finland between the Soviet and Hango continues as usual.

Japanese Consulate Rent Raised

Lim Lian Neo, the landlady of a house in Bukit Timah Road, occupied by the Japanese Consulate-General, made an application to the Rent Assessment Board in Singapore for an increase of the monthly rental from \$60 to \$80.

Mr. Chong Thut Pitt, appearing on behalf of the landlady, said that repairs costing \$1,287.60 had been made to the house.

The Japanese Consulate-General was agreeable to the increase of rent from \$60 to \$80 as the house had undergone considerable repairs.

The Board fixed the monthly rental at \$70.

MARINERS WARNED

Attention is drawn to the fact that the bell tower, forward bulwark, and lower half of the light tower of the Yangtze Entrance Light-vessel have now been painted white, the other characteristics of the light-vessel remaining as described in "List of Lighthouses, Light-vessels, Buoys, Beacons, etc., on the Coast and Rivers of China, 1941."

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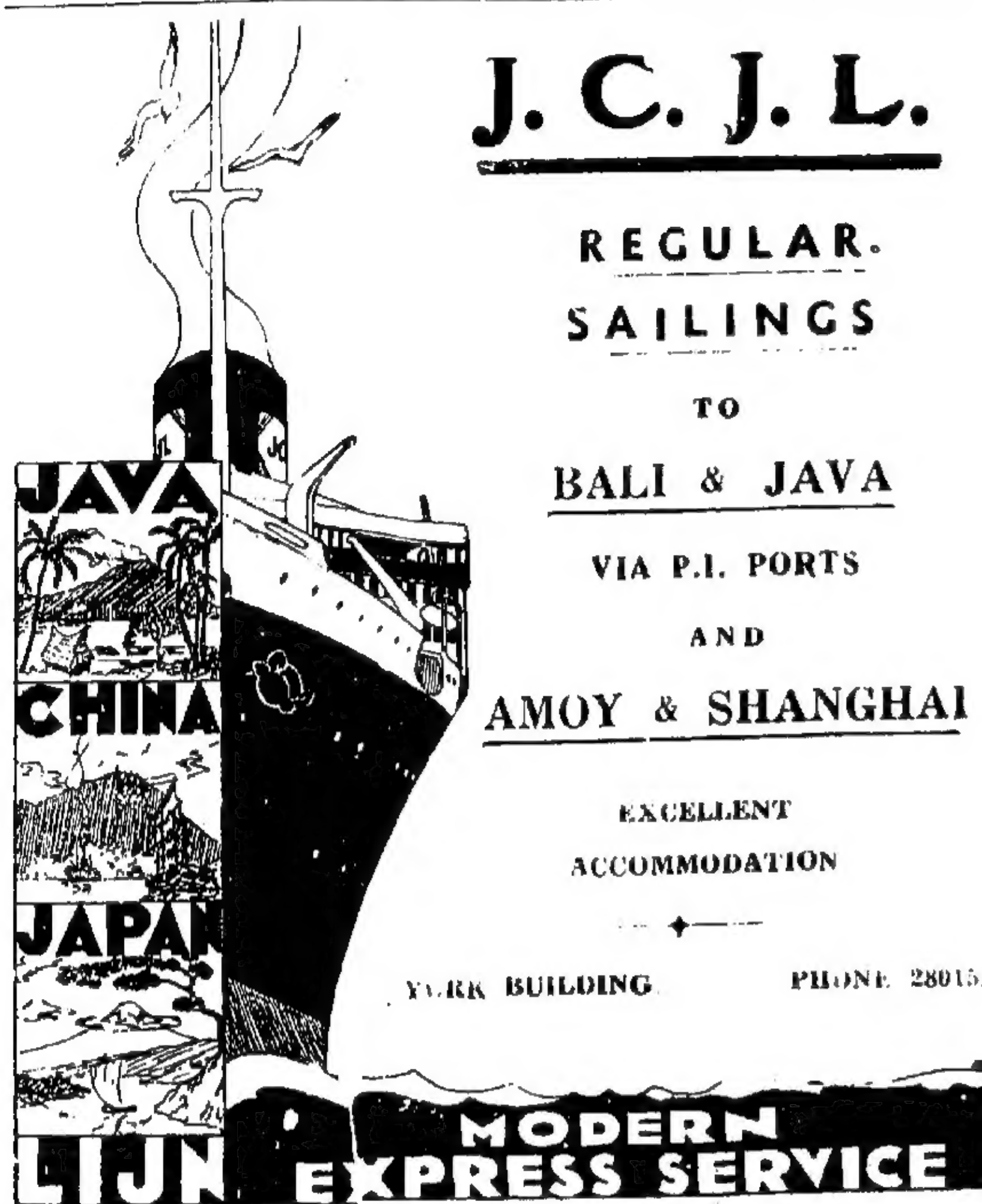
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FUNERAL OF MR. W. R. DEDEAR

Principal Officer Of
H.K. Prisons

The funeral took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday evening of **PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILLIAM RICHARD DEDEAR**, of the Hongkong Prisons, who died at Stanley on Tuesday night.

Father Rosello officiated at the service in the chapel and at the graveside, while two buglers from the Royal Scots sounded the "Last Post."

The late Mr. Dedear, who was 47 years of age, joined the Prison Staff in 1921 and had only come back to the Colony from Sydney where he spent nine months' sick leave with his wife, two daughters and son.

WAR SERVICE

Deceased went through the whole of the last Great War, serving in the Royal Artillery, and saw service both in France and in Salonika. Up to his death he was a corporal in the Stanley Platoon, H.K.V.D.C.

He was a keen sportsman and figured in many fights as a welter-weight in the old City Hall. He was also very fond of swimming. He was a member of the Naval and Military Lodge No. 848, S.C.

The following Prison officers acted as pall bearers: Messrs. F. T. Winterton, J. Drewery, R. J. V. Grindley, T. H. Pearce, Woodward and H. M. Vanthall.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those who attended the funeral were Major J. L. Wilcocks, Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. H. Barrett, Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. C. J. Norman, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald, Chief Officer, and Officer commanding Stanley Platoon, H.K.V.D.C., Mr. W. J. Bagley, Acting Assistant Chief Officer, Mr. A. Paley, Principal Industrial Officer, Chief Indian Warder, Rahmet Khan and Prison Officers A. Jillett, B. Plumb, P. Ryan, H. Merriman, F. R. Fuggie, G. Foster and H. S. Spoor (Acting Principal Officer), V. H. Freeman, Lieut. J. Purvis, H.K.N.V.D.R., W. Mulcahy, L. D. Skinner, L. G. Batten and Mrs. Paice.

Present also were contingents of European and Indian warders and a detachment of the Special Indian Guard.

A bouquet from deceased's wife and children Alice, Peggy and Dicky—was interred with the coffin.

THE WREATHS

Floral tributes were sent from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashley and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barrett and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bagley and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Jim Batten, Mr. A. G. Bond, Mr. J. E. Burns, Mr. G. W. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cothell and family, Mr. C. C. F. Crofton, Mr. J. Crossan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Didsbury and family (Vancouver) and Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mr. W. Doxford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Drewery and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald and family, Mr. R. C. Fitzgerald, Mr. W. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fordham, Mr. and Mrs. G. Foster and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. E. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. E. Freeman and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fuggie and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gemmel, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. V. Grindley, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. R. Hackett, Comdr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrop and family, Mr. F. N. Hill and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hircock, Mr. S. Hodge and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jamieson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jillett and family;

Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Joyce and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kingston and family, John Lyle, Mr. S. H. Marvin, Mr. W. J. McCurrach, Mr. P. T. F. McDonald, Mr. G. W. McGrath, Angus McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McTavish, Mr. and Mrs. H. Merriman and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Millington and family, Mr. A. McG. Mitchell, Mr. C. J. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. A. Perry and family, Mr. E. W. Perry, Mr. B. Plumb, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pile and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ryan, Dr. and Mrs. Ingram Shaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Spoor and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tappenden, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tisler and family, Mr. H. M. Vanthall, Major and Mrs. J. L. Wilcocks, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ward and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Webber, Mr. L. R. Whant, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Winterton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward and family;

LIVING WAGE FOR CLERKS URGED

"The absence of a living wage and suitable facilities for the honest borrower were the primary causes of indebtedness amongst the clerical employees," said Mr. G. H. Kiat, vice-president of the Clerical Union, addressing a fair gathering of Rotarians and guests at the Singapore Rotary Club's stag dinner held at the Adelphi Hotel.

Mr. Kiat was speaking on "Clerical indebtedness—what is the remedy?"

He suggested that employees be paid a living wage, with a little extra, and for the purpose of accommodating the honest borrowers he suggested the formation of a bank, like the one in America, backed by philanthropists, where honest clerical employees could open a current account and when necessary borrow, this bank working on the motto:—"If you have the money we want it, if you want the money we have it."

Outlining the causes of indebtedness, Mr. Kiat placed in order of importance:

(a) Easy credit, thereby encouraging reckless borrowing and spending.

(b) Spending on entertainments and pleasures beyond one's means;

(c) The absence of a living wage, and

(d) Unforeseen contingencies, like marriages, births, deaths and illness. He stated that though it was generally admitted that the cost of living had risen, the rise in wages had not risen proportionately.

Emphasizing that the clerk should be given a living wage, and a little more, Mr. Kiat said that it was unfair to expect one to live hand to mouth, month after month.

RECKLESS FEELING

It created a feeling of recklessness and discontent eventually leading to debts, and the Bankruptcy Court.

The policy in the past had been, "declare your debts, don't get into debts again; if you do, you will be sacked," and this policy the speaker condemned as "unchristian." It sounds like Hitlerism. It verges on dictatorship.

Importance Of H.K. Base

The chief requirements of a Naval Base are that it should have plenty of sea room, to provide anchorage space for a fleet, that it should be defensible, so that the fleet may rest under the protection of the defences, and that it should also have fuelling, ammunition and storing facilities, writes a Special Correspondent in the Malay Tribune.

The repair facilities should be adequate and easily available, so that battle damage can be quickly set right. To these main requirements we can add certain minor requirements which, though by no means essential, are undoubtedly useful. For instance, good recreational facilities for both officers and men, and shops and stores where certain necessities and luxuries can be purchased are very definite advantages. Finally a healthy and equable climate is very much to be desired.

If we examine Hongkong we will see in how far the place can meet the various requirements that we consider as necessary for a base.

MAGNIFICENT HARBOUR

The harbour at Hongkong is magnificent and provides ample room for the accommodation of a large fleet. It is practically landlocked, and, save in typhoon weather, it is rare for a sea to be encountered which will seriously handicap the all important boat work which must be carried out if a resting fleet is to be victualled and stored. Another advantage is that the harbour has two entrances a feature which lends itself to the quick berthing of an incoming fleet and the quick deployment of an outgoing one.

The potential defensibility of Hongkong is very great; with one most unfortunate exception. Due to the rugged country and high hills land defences of great strength can be, and have been, constructed. Nor have the defences from water borne attack been neglected. The guns in the various

forts are of sufficient size, range and hitting power, to make a naval bombardment a matter of considerable risk.

SAFE FOR FLEET

In addition the hills that surround the harbour would make bombardment of ships lying in it something of a problem to the Naval Artillery, with his comparatively flat trajectory weapon, even though he enjoyed the advantage of aerial spotting. Thus, a fleet should be safe from attack from the sea and also from the land, unless the enemy cared to mount against the place a full scale military attack.

We have mentioned a deficiency in defence. Unfortunately it cannot be overlooked. The hills which give to Hongkong so much of its strength, also provide its greatest weakness. There are few places in the Colony where the ground is suitable for the construction of aerodromes. Lack of aerodromes and air facilities in general lays the harbour open to attack by air. True a certain amount can be done with a heavy enough concentration of anti-aircraft fire, but for a true and lasting solution of this problem A.A. fire must be backed up by the co-operation of fighter aircraft.

So though we can feel that the Harbour of Hongkong is well protected against attack from land and sea, we must admit a degree of vulnerability from the air.

In addition to the Naval Yard, where extensive repairs can be carried out, there are two large commercial dockyards in Hongkong where ships up to the size of cruisers can be docked and where, as in the case of the Naval Yard, extensive repairs both to machinery and hulls could be done.

These yards are normally employed on both repair work and ship-building and have, not only the necessary machinery, but also a large number of skilled workmen who are kept in constant employment and practice. With three yards, any one of which can deal with cruisers, to cater for the heavier work there are also a number of smaller yards and native boat

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 26th JUNE, 1941.

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TUESDAY	Tue. 15th July K.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 6.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

PLAN FOR TEMPLE DEFERRED

A total sum of \$31,981.00 was paid to the nominees of deceased members during the year under review, stated Mr. Law Yew Swee, J.P., president of the Selangor Buddhist Association at the annual general meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

"The report for the year shows quite a satisfactory position of the Provident Fund of our association and I do not see that there is anything more for me to add except to refer to the Building Fund," he said.

"After deducting the sum of \$9,862.08 being the cost and maintenance of the land, there is the sum of \$26,332.42 standing to the credit of the fund. Of this sum of \$26,332.42 we have invested in the Government Savings Bank, War Loan Bonds etc., \$27,613.55, leaving a balance of \$8,018.87, which we shall seek investment in due course.

"Your committee is not able to proceed with the building scheme owing to the war. As soon as it is permissible to do so I shall spare no efforts to lay the foundation of our temple first, for I find it is necessary to have this building in order to enable us to propagate Buddhism."

shows us that the place is liberally endowed with most of the features which go to the make up of a good naval base, apart from the vulnerability to air attack it is one of the most perfectly situated bases in the world and plays an important part in British Far Eastern strategy.

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